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## SUMMARY.

The final returns of the general elections in Great Britain give the Government a majority of 126.

The estate of the late Sir Harry Rawson has been valued at £16,127.

Mr Asquith has been presented with the Freedom of the City of Edinburgh.

In his speech, the Prime Minister urged the cities of Great Britain to grapple with social questions.

The "Times" writes that Mr. Asquith showed wise moderation in trying to reach a settlement by a conference.

It cherishes the hope that he will espouse the cause of sound statesmanship against revolutionary violence.

At the Waratah inquiry, five passengers who had made a voyage by the vessel gave evidence.

They testified that they had been alarmed by the top-heaviness of the vessel, and had discussed the matter with the officers.

Sir E. Shackleton will start for Spitsbergen for three months' scientific and geographical exploration.

He hopes after his exploration to conduct a general circumnavigation of the Antarctic region.

The railway situation in Chicago is strained, and a rupture is feared.

Two Rhondda Valley miners were sentenced at Pont-y-Pridd for violence and intimidation.

A demonstration was made by miners outside the courthouse against the sentences.

The Italian Government has prepared a bill to extend the franchise to all people able to read and write.

It is also proposed to make voting at elections obligatory.

One thousand tramway workmen on strike in Winnipeg created a riot. They demolished 14 street cars.

The death-roll caused by the explosion at the Central Railroad Company's works, New York, numbers 11.

An explosion of gas occurred at Buffalo similar to that at the Central Railroad Company's works.

The Argentine is placing £4,000,000 of 4½ per cent. Treasury Bills in London, Paris, and Berlin.

In the French Chamber the Socialists advocated clemency towards the railway men dismissed on account of the strike.

The Chamber voted confidence in the Government by a majority of 248.

Mrs Paine, the widow of the American Copper King, is suing a pseudo count for selling to her spurious pictures for £40,000.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company has ordered 7,000,000 dollars' worth of equipment.

The permission of the importation of Argentine meat into Austria has aroused some feeling in Hungary.

An inquiry has been held into the smuggling of Chinese into Canada.

The evidence disclosed that 60 stowaways were found hidden in caverns formed in the coal bunkers of Oriental liners.

Mr Rockefeller has given £2,000,000 to the University of Chicago.

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The Christmas traffic on the railways is remarkably heavy, but the department is able to cope with it.

Since last Christmas every section of the rolling stock has been augmented.

In the Assembly Mr. M'Court challenged the action of the Attorney-General in regard to an appointment at Moss Vale.

Bills dealing with various public works were passed through all their stages, and sent to the Council.

Consideration of the Estimates was resumed, the vote for the Chief Secretary's Department, £1,049,716, being taken.

The Legislative Council agreed to the second reading of the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Bill.

The State Governor formally opened the Rawson Institute for Seamen yesterday.

About 300 seamen attended a concert in the new hall in the evening.

It is understood that the Spit to Manly tram will commence running about January 3.

There have been abnormal tides in the harbour during the past few days.

Ferry boats, tugs, and lighters are to be taxed by the Navigation Department.

A league of bird-lovers in connection with the Public schools has been formed.

Two taxi-cabs came into collision in College-street, and one of the passengers, a resident of Randwick, was injured.

At the inquest into the death of Captain J. Harris, late of the Inishkilling Dragoons, a verdict of accidental death was recorded.

The medical evidence showed that death was due to shock, through falling into the water from a great height.

The population of the Commonwealth at the end of September was 4,451,454, an increase for the quarter of 29,659.

All the States showed an increase except Tasmania, where there was a decrease of 242.

The French armoured cruiser Montcalm will shortly pay a visit to this port.

The South Africans commenced a match yesterday against a combined Universities' eleven.

The 'Varsity team batted first, and put up a score of 288, to which Minnett contributed 42.

South Africa had lost one wicket for 124 when play closed for the day. Faulkner was 73 not out, and Commaille 42 not out.

In a civic review of the past year the Lord Mayor expressed himself as exceedingly satisfied with the year's work.

The city finances are buoyant, and Sydney is said to be outstripping many of the world's older cities in improvements.

The Lord Mayor says it is his intention to complete as far as possible the works the council has in hand.

Compulsory military training will come into force in the Commonwealth on New Year's Day.

The headquarters staff has for some months been engaged in preparing for the new order of things.

A conference of officers who will deal with the collecting of the land tax has been sitting in Melbourne.

The officers have perfected a scheme on which they will work throughout the Commonwealth.

Forms will be issued by the end of January, and the returns are to be in by March 1.

The assessment notices will be sent to taxpayers by April 21.

The Parliament of South Australia has been prorogued until March 2.

The Northern Territory Surrender Act will come into operation in South Australia on January 1.

The A.M.A. delegates met the mining managers at Broken Hill yesterday, and submitted their original claims.

An agreement was come to that in the meantime there would be no stoppage of work pending a settlement.

The transport strike in Adelaide remains unsettled.

The Ministry has decided to take action to force both parties into the Court of Industrial Appeals.

Traffic on the North Shore line was interrupted yesterday morning, owing to the derailment of an engine at Milson's Point.

The river steamer Gem sprang a leak in the Murray, and was run on a sandbank.

As the result of a City Council prosecution, fines were imposed on two defendants for loitering.

A question as to the privileges of shopkeepers was involved, and a test case is to be made.

At the inquest in connection with the Prahran tragedy, Olive Moodie was committed for trial on a charge of murder.

Silver shares were easier yesterday, but copper stocks were steady. The Bullfinch group was lifeless.

Forecast.—Fine generally, with increasing temperatures and northerly winds; a thunderstorm approaching the western districts.

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| OMRAH..... | 8,130 | Shelford. | Jan. 7 | Jan. 11 | Jan. 13 |
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| *MAKURA..... | 9100 | March 13 | Mar. 15 | Apl. 5 |
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For Launceston (via Eden)—
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A Handicap Sweepstakes of 4 sovs each, 1 forfeit, with 200 sovs added. For two-year-old. Second horse 40 sovs, and third horse 20 sovs from the prize. The winner of any handicap race after the declaration of weights to carry 10lb penalty. Four and a Half Furlongs.
THE CENTENARY STAKES.
A Sweepstakes of 4 sovs each, 1 forfeit, with 200 sovs added. For three-years-old and upwards. Second horse 40 sovs, and third horse 20 sovs from the prize. Weights: Three years-old, 7st 4lb; four years-old, 8st; five years and upwards, 8st 2lb. The winner of such race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb; of any such race of the value of 300 sovs, 10lb; of any such race of the value of 400 sovs, 14lb extra. Horses that have not won a race of value of 300 sovs at the time of entrance of running three years-old allowed 7lb, four years-old and upwards, 10lb. Usual allowances to mares and geldings. One Mile.
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SECOND DAY: THURSDAY, JANUARY 26.
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THE NOVICE HANDICAP.
A Handicap Sweepstakes of 4 sovs each, 1 forfeit, with 200 sovs added. Second horse 40 sovs, and third horse 20 sovs from the prize. For three years old and upwards which have not won a race exceeding 75 sovs in value up to the time of entrance. A winner of any handicap race after the declaration of weights to carry 10lb penalty. Horses to be ridden by Apprentices who have not ridden five winners. One Mile.
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A Handicap Sweepstakes of 4 sovs each, 1 forfeit, with 200 sovs added. Second horse 40 sovs, and third horse 20 sovs from the prize. For three-years-old and upwards. Horses to be ridden by amateurs approved by the Committee. Lowest weight, 10st. The winner of any handicap race after the declaration of

## LEGAL NOTICES.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

ACCOUNTS and PLANS OF DISTRIBUTION in the undermentioned Estates, showing dividends as specified hereunder are now filed in the office of the Registrar in Bankruptcy, Oddfellows'-chambers, Moore-street, Sydney, for the inspection of persons interested; and Notice is hereby given that such Accounts and Plans will be submitted to the Court for confirmation on MONDAY, the 9th January, 1911, at 10 a.m., if not previously objected to:—

EDWARD JEFFREY MALONEY, of Moree (No. 18,167).—A third Account and Plan of Distribution, showing payment of a dividend of 2 1-19d of a penny (two-pence and one-twelfth) on all proved concurrent debts.

RICHARD CUMMING MORRIS, of 126 Birrell-street, Waverley, and 86 Walker-street, North Sydney, Storekeeper.—A Second Account and Plan of Distribution, showing payment of an equalising dividend of 8 5-11d in the £ on one debt admitted since the first account was filed; and a second dividend of 1 6-7d (one penny and six-sevenths of a penny) in the £ on all proved concurrent debts.

WILLIAM HENRY LEWIS, of William-street, Sydney, Grocer (No. 18,699).—A First Account and Plan of Distribution, showing payment of a dividend of 3s 7-10d (three shillings and seven-pence and seven-tenths of a penny) in the £ on all proved concurrent debts.

In the following Estates Accounts current only, showing debt balances:—

No. 18327. WILFRID CECIL CHAPMAN, trading as Lennox and Company, of Armidale, Baker.

No. 18425. WILLIAM MANNS, Junior, of Narromine.

No. 18501. NEIL HUGH CAMPBELL McEACHERN, of 31 Pitt-street, Redfern, late Hotelkeeper.

No. 18609. DENIS JOSEPH GALVIN, of Annandale, Builder.

C. F. W. LLOYD,
Official Assignee.

Bowman-chambers,
187 Phillip-street,
Sydney, 20th December, 1910.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

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ACCOUNTS with Plans of Distribution in the undermentioned Estates, showing Dividends as specified, are now filed in the Office of the Registrar in Bankruptcy, Oddfellows'-chambers, Moore-street, Sydney, for the inspection of persons interested; and notice is hereby given that such accounts and plans will be submitted to the Court for confirmation on THURSDAY, 5th January, 1911, if not previously objected to:—

HERBERT RUDOLF DONALDSON, of Grafton, Solicitor (No. 8878), a Fifth Account and Fourth Plan of Distribution, showing payment of a Dividend of one shilling in the £ on all proved concurrent claims.

JAMES PATRICK GRANNALL, of Cadia, near Orange, Labourer (No. 18,974), a Second Account and Second Plan of Distribution showing payment of an equalising dividend of five and eight-sevenths halfpenny in the £ on one claim proved since the filing of the last account.

Also Accounts current only in the undermentioned Estates:—

No. 18,384.—SUNDAH SINGH, of Burragate, Rabbit-trapper.

No. 18,529.—JAMES MALONE, of Goulburn, Labourer.

No. 18,609.—JAMES MALONE, of Goulburn, Labourer.

No. 18,620.—ALFRED ERNEST BAILEY, of Patton-street, South Broken Hill, Miner.

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No. 18,684.—ARTHUR RHODS, of Bembokra.

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27 Elizabeth-street, Sydney,
19th December, 1910.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JOHN ELIOTT, late of Lismore, in the State of New South Wales, Farmer, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the First Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me, at my said office, on or before the seventh day of February next, at a quarter past the o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they think fit object thereto; otherwise if the said Accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. And Notice is also hereby given that on the allowance of the Accounts by the Court commission will be applied for on the Order of the Execution. Dated this twenty-first day of December, 1910. T. W. GARRETT, Registrar. G. B. SOMERVILLE, Proctor for the Executors, Lismore. By SLY and RUSSELL, 360 George-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JOHN O'SULLIVAN, late of Jerrawa, in the County of Argyle, New South Wales, Farmer and Grazier, deceased.—Pursuant to the Wills Probate and Administration Act, 1898, Notice is hereby given that every creditor, or other person having any claim against the Estate of JOHN O'SULLIVAN, the abovenamed deceased, who died on or about the 20th day of September, 1898, and Probate of whose Will was on the 8th day of September, 1910, granted by the Supreme Court of New South Wales to JAMES DUFFY, of Leamount, Good Hope, near, Yass, in the State of New South Wales, the Executor in the said Will named, who proved the same and Will Deeve having been reserved to EDWARD DUFF, the other Executor), is hereby required to send particulars in writing of such claim to the said James Duffy, care of the undersigned D'ARCY HERBERT BUCKNELL, at his office, hereunder mentioned, on or before the 8th day of February, 1911, at the expiration of which time the said James Duffy will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he then has notice. And Notice is hereby further given that the said James Duffy will not be liable for the assets, or any part thereof, so distributed to any person of whose claim he shall not have had notice at the time of such distribution. Dated this 20th day of December, 1910. D'ARCY H. BUCKNELL, Proctor for the said JAMES DUFFY, Cooma-street, Yass. P. CAPE, KENT, and GADEN, his Agents, 99A Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of BARRETT SMITH, late of Broken Hill, in the State of New South Wales, Married Woman, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JOHN SMITH, of Broken Hill aforesaid, the Husband of the said deceased. All creditors and other persons having claims against the Estate of the abovenamed deceased are required to send in particulars thereof to the undersigned within such period of fourteen days as notice may be served at the office of the undersigned. ANTHONY HALL, Proctor for the Administrator. The Exchange, Argent-street, Broken Hill. By his Agent, A. W. E. WEAVER, Martin-place, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of EDITH ELIZABETH BORNE, late of Ulupna, Broken Hill, in the State of New South Wales, Widow, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will and Testament of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JOHN VICTOR DOBYNS and GEORGE ALEXANDER DEMPSTER, the Executors named in the said Will. All creditors and other persons having any claims against the Estate of the abovenamed deceased are required to send in particulars thereof to the undersigned within such period of fourteen days. All notices may be served at the offices of the undersigned. ANTHONY HALL, Proctor for the Executors, The Exchange, Argent-street, Broken Hill. By his Agent, A. W. E. WEAVER, Martin-place, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of ALEXANDER HAMILTON BUSBY, late of Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Esquire, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to THOMAS WOORE FREDERICK BUSBY, the eldest brother of the said deceased; and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned, CAPE, KENT, and GADEN, Proctors for the Applicant, Commercial Union-chambers, 99A Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of LUCY ONEDA, late of St. John's Park, Canley Vale, in the State of New South Wales, Widow, Deceased, Intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that administration of the Estate of the above-named deceased may be granted to ALBINA AUGUSTUS CAMPBELL, the daughter of the said deceased, and all notices may be served on the applicant at Rose-street, Liverpool.

## LEGAL NOTICES.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of ARCHIBALD WALKER MACDOUGALL, of Balmain, near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, but late of Southampton, England, Journalist, Deceased, Intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to WILLIAM CUMMINS MACDOUGALL, the Father of the said deceased, and all notices may be served at, and all claims sent in to, the offices of the undersigned. McDONELL and MOFFITT, Proctors for Applicant, George and Wynyard streets, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of EDWARD WILLIAM DOYLE, late of Gresford, in the State of New South Wales, Gentleman, deceased, Intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to WILLIAM DOYLE, a Daughter-in-law of the said deceased. And all creditors of the said Estate are hereby required to send particulars of their claims to the undersigned. And all notices may be served at the offices of JOHN McKINLAY HOOKE, Proctor for the Applicant, Dungog. By his Sydney Agents, BOWMAN and MACKENZIE.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of PATRICK MICHAEL HORAN, late of Cattai, in the State of New South Wales, Farmer, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JAMES ROBERTS, the sole Executor named in the said Will; and all notices may be served at the offices of the undersigned. WM. WALKER and SON, Proctors for the Executor, Windsor. Agent, CHARLES A. WALKER, 113 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of CATHERINE RYAN, late of 4 Linthorpe-street, Newtown, in the State of New South Wales, Widow, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to SUSAN SMITH and ELIZABETH SMITH, the Executrices named in the said Will, and all notices are to be served at the undermentioned address. 7 Mary-street, Newtown.

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WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 10.30 sharp, Vans, Springcarts, Horses, and Harness; Draught Horses, Tipcarts, Horses, and Harness; and at 11 a.m., Horses and Vehicles of every description, specially advertised. Tel., 1231.

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TROTTING COLT FROM WELLINGTON.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. A. Fuller, Wellington, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, Thursday, at 12 o'clock,
LONZA (late Mars), chestnut trotting colt, 3yrs, by Huon Jinx, from 1.0 ., a winner, in full training, nominated for Tramway Handicap next meeting at Epping.

6 HIGH-CLASS, FRESH COUNTRY HORSES FROM CROOKWELL.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. G. Christey to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, Thursday, at 12 o'clock,
2 high-class Cob Geldings, both 4 years old, broken to harness, well suited for butchers' or bakers' carts; Bay Gelding, 5 years, 15.1, by Mambrino Abdullah from a Chieftain mare, a splendid shape horse; Bay Gelding and Bay Mare, 4 years, by Southern King, both quiet in harness, and fast trotters; also Bay Mare, 5 years, suit a business cart.

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TO PRIVATE FAMILIES, DAIRYMEN, AND OTHERS.

Two Extra Choice Newly-calved Cows, give 20 quarts each.

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MILCH COWS. MILCH COWS.

INGLIS and SON'S STOCK SALEYARDS,
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THIS DAY, THURSDAY, AT 11 A.M.

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30 Choice Pedigree JERSEY COWS and HEIFERS, from 15 months to 4 years old, about ten head of the number in calf; also one Pedigree Jersey Bull, 10 months old.
ON VIEW.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27th.
CATALOGUES NOW READY.

Also, after the above,
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SALE OF GATES

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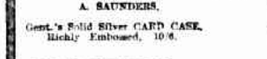

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## MEETINGS.

GRANVILLE SCHOOL OF ARTS.—A Special Meeting of Members of the above will be held on FRIDAY, January 6, 1911, at 8 p.m. Business—Election of new Committee. A. Gray, Hon. Sec.

# ON THE LAND.

## FARM AND STATION.

### VARIETY VALUES IN FRUIT GROWING.

(BY E. K. WOLSTENHOLME.)

Assuming that a fairly good location, all things considered, is available, and that a decision has been arrived at as regards the kinds of fruit to be grown, the selection of suitable kinds or varieties of fruit is a most important matter.

Where there are growers in the same district study closely their successes, and avoid their mistakes. Pick out the most successful man, notice the variety he plants when extending his orchard. Ask reasonable questions, and if he be a reasonable man you will gain some information to act upon. No amount of care can ever fully counteract the lack of adaptability to soil and climate, so prominent with many varieties of fruits.

Mistakes will occur with the most shrewd, often when a personal preference for a time is stronger than the commercial instinct. In other words, some of us are so fond of a particular variety that we plant it in the belief that it will be successful, when our better judgment and observation should tell us that it is a commercial failure. Mistakes in planting the wrong kinds should be corrected at once. Work over trees either by budding in the summer or grafting in the spring. Do not dig them out, unless the stock is unsuitable, for there is a fine root system just waiting to be used by a profitable variety. One of the earmarks of intense culture is either the working over of useless kinds, or the prompt renewal of trees that are a failure.

It is unreasonable to continue blocks of trees year after year which even the owner would acknowledge should have never been planted. This state of affairs is very common indeed in all our fruit-growing centres. The small crops obtained annually of almost unmarketable fruit seem to act as a kellick to the trees; they are also a millstone round the grower's neck. Unfortunately it occurs that where an individual makes an error in planting the mistaken varieties which are planted by others in the neighbourhood, and this becomes practically community action. As the trees mature things become more and more hopelessly involved and wrong—in the end change means almost complete revolution.

"Steer clear of novelties!" This is the advice one very often hears. Excellent no doubt for the average conservative, who believes that old things horticultural have a wide predominance in the markets of the world! Good advice also to the novice with limited capital, who, until successful with varieties of proven worth, is ineligible to try for something better. It is men of enterprise and opportunity who can and should reserve a block for testing varieties of probable merit.

It is not suggested that one should waste time with some of these doubtful creations, but he should select trees of each new sort that gives indication of commercial value to the district. An alternative, and really the easiest and quickest method of testing new varieties, is the well-known practice of top working. To test a new sort by this method it is only necessary to secure a scion of the desired variety for grafting or budding upon an established tree of bearing age, which constitutes a suitable stock for the variety in question. The working of a single branch is often sufficient for a preliminary test. A single large tree in this way may be made to carry a large number of new sorts. This plan has an advantage in concentrating a comprehensive collection upon a small area, and thus reducing experimental work to a minimum. This test should never be accepted as final, as a young tree received from a nursery may behave very differently, on account of miscellaneous stocks used by some nurserymen.

The reading of the novelty pages of a nurseryman's catalogue reminds one of the description of the debutantes, who make their debut into society with a fanfaronade of dress and other charms. In time the debutante is forgotten, and others take her place. So with the fruits. Often those of real value come into recognition without a brilliant introduction, as with some women. The one claims popularity for fine traits, good deeds, or strong personality; the other makes the same claim with equal qualifications. Without novelties in fruits, however, there is no progress, and the only way for the grower to keep pace with progress is either to test the varieties himself, or have opportunities of seeing others do so. He must determine at small cost with the least possible delay the merit of these creations.

It is human for the originator of a seedling or a hybrid to have an exaggerated idea as to its value. In his enthusiasm it is often placed on the market without adequate trial or sufficient examination. A variety should not be introduced unless it excels others of its class or season in one or more particulars. Its qualifications are only proved after an extended and careful trial. Then if a fruit or tree shows that it possesses peculiar characteristics, giving it special value, it might be placed upon the market. The fruit lists have become unnecessarily padded, on account of the hasty manner of introduction.

It is wrong to condemn a variety because it does not succeed everywhere. The general purpose variety must go. What is needed are fruits for special localities and particular purposes. If originators would come in touch with the Government orchards, and have their novelties tested, such a method of introduction would be both a benefit to the introducer and the grower. What the grower wants is to manifest a disposition towards novelties, which looks for specific characters rather than the desire for newness for its own sake, which, no doubt, would appeal to amateurs. Characters are wanted which retain the good qualities of the old varieties, and add other points of excellence. Whether it is immunity from certain weaknesses in growth, shyness of bearing, or other undesirable traits—these are the points that count. Then, again, it is desirable to secure varieties that mature one after the other, so that one can employ labour continuously, and not have rush and confusion within restricted time.

In regard to the nurserymen's side of the variety question, few realise his enormous responsibility. He, himself, if a reputable man, does and conducts his business accordingly. As regards the propagation of fruit trees in the nursery we find as well as novelties trees of every season, every quality, and peculiarity; trees for the commercial grower, for the amateur, for the crank, and so the nurseryman holds for them respectively in the hollow of his hand the success of their commercial venture, the pleasure of their pastime, or the useless contortions of their freaks. Most buyers are satisfied when the nursery supplies them with trees true to name; but this is not all that a nurseryman might do. It is the selection of the grafting and budding wood that matters.

For instance, in almost every orchard, even in those in which the general growth has been satisfactory and uniform, there is found to be a distinct individuality among the trees of the same variety. There is one tree, or perhaps two, in a block of, say, Jonathan apples that have healthier foliage, the size, shape, colour, flavour, quality, and habit of bearing of the fruit is better than their fellows, although the treatment of the block has been identical, and the soil uniform. I have seen cases of this sort in all varieties of fruit, also in the same block trees that go to the other extreme. If the laws of heredity hold good in the vegetable kingdom then these good qualities can be transmitted through the scion, i.e., wood used for propagating the young trees. Perhaps one year is not sufficient to determine the individuality of the tree, but should it show persistent good behaviour for a number of years then there is no question about the transmission of its characteristics through its buds. If nurserymen would undertake to select their wood from such trees they could supply what one might call pedigree stock, rather than the ordinary true to name trees we buy at present.

This selection would take more time, and, in consequence, the nursery would ask higher prices. But the buyer would be justified in paying double the ordinary price should he be certain that the trees were bona fide. It is safe to say that in a ten-year-old apple orchard of 50 acres the approximate gain in revenue from trees grown from selected wood would amount to many hundreds of pounds a year.

In the actual selection of trees from the nursery it would be impossible to lay down a hard and fast rule as regards the shape of a tree that would be broad enough to cover all varieties of nursery stock. Pay more attention to vigour than to shape. Remember, that you are not buying a tree for ornamental purposes, but for the fruit that the tree will in time produce. If you insist upon symmetry you will not grow some very profitable varieties. An ideal tree is not possible in some varieties, and should not be expected. Never be deluded by the handsome appearance of a tree growing in the nursery row. It is the fruit-grower and not the nurseryman who should set the demand.

Select good stocky one-year-old trees, either summer-topped to make lateral branches or whips, although two-year-old trees are often satisfactory. In yearling whips every eye or bud is strong and perfect, and can be depended on to grow when the young tree is cut back to the desired height, thus ensuring a number of shoots from which to select the permanent head of the tree. In a two-year-old tree which has been cut back and disbudded by the nurseryman, it has often been branched too high to meet the accepted standard, and when cut back below this point they often start away from a bud near the ground.

Unless you are very well acquainted with an agent I always think it more satisfactory to deal direct from a nursery; still, very many orchards would never have been set had it not been for the agents.

Finally, be it remembered that the future development of the tree depends largely on the initial stages; that the formation of a head is more easily accomplished within the first two years than at any later period; that during this period the young growth may be rubbed off with the fingers; that all wounds heal very readily, that the energy of the tree is more easily directed and manipulated; and that it is better to do it oneself in your own orchard than in the nursery.

There is nothing new in what has been said here. Unfortunately, in fruit-growing, as in many other phases of horticulture, the state of knowledge is far in advance of the state of practice.

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## LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

### OUR STATE SYSTEM.

### MUNICIPALISM AT WORK.

VISITORS AND CITY GOVERNMENT.

During the present season the host of visitors from our country districts who are in Sydney will have an opportunity of seeing advanced civic government at work, dealing with the problems of a great city. It will doubtless be regarded as a valuable object-lesson by those who have interested themselves in the newly-created civic bodies which exist throughout the State, save only in some parts of the Western Division. On the other hand, many thoughtful visitors, having a fresher view, may be able to point out deficiencies which close acquaintance and familiarity cause us to blur; and where this is the case, they would do a public service by giving voice to their ideas. We are usually inclined to assume that all the talents are concentrated in the largest city. Where similar civic problems are being solved in town government in some of our more progressive areas, then many valuable suggestions might come from those who are accustomed to work on the smaller scale, and be acceptable to those now working on the larger. The Town Hall, Sydney, might easily be made a central clearing-house for civic ideas, and especially at such a time as this.

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GREATER ST. GEORGE.

The scheme recently outlined in these columns for the amalgamation of the Illawarra suburbs has lost the adhesion of the important council of Bexley. It is well known that Bexley prides itself upon a civic standing and an administrative perfection unknown elsewhere around Sydney. The majority of its aldermen feel, apparently, that to join with any other council, even where there are definite interests in common, would be a sacrifice, even a betrayal, of the cause of local self-interest. The framers of the Local Government Act had in contemplation movements such as that from which Bexley has just withdrawn, and powers of amalgamation were included in the measure. Doubtless much local advantage would accrue from such amalgamations; but the higher reaches of civic government would not be advanced to any material extent. The advantages in the centralised form of government are two—(1) a possible large financial saving on contracts and on the consolidation of loans; and (2) the handling of greater powers, which could not be wielded, even if they existed, by 41 councils incapable of co-operation. It may be that Bexley Council has done a service in turning the minds of men who really desire to improve suburban government in the direction of the bigger things, as it causes them to realise the futility of any statesmanlike action from the majorities in many of the suburban councils.

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ALTERATION OF ORDINANCES.

By the "Government Gazette" mentioned last week in this column, several alterations were made in ordinances, besides those referring to voting at elections. In ordinance 20, clause 4 is omitted, and the following is inserted in lieu thereof:—"No person shall pull down, pull up, destroy, or injure any alignment or other boundary marks, or stones, notice-boards, public notices, or other erections, in or on the carriage-way or footway, or any part of any public road;" and, in ordinance 39, after clause 45, a new clause is inserted, "No person shall bathe or wash himself, or shall wash any clothes or any article whatever, in any fountain, basin, or trough, provided for public use, or foul any water provided for the use of man or animals in any public place." There are also fresh ordinances dealing with public vehicles, one applying to motor vehicles. The latter are on the lines of the city rules, insisting upon a metal number-plate and a lamp, prescribing also that the number of the car shall be painted on the plate in red block letters on a white ground, and must be not less than 5in in height. Rules as to the strength of steering gear and brakes are also laid down.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT CLERKS

The annual banquet of the Local Government clerks was as successful this year as upon the two previous occasions. It was notable for an able speech by Mr. John Garlick, the Local Government Officer, in proposing the toast of the association. He emphasised the fact that the association was banded together as much for the purpose of advancing the interests of the citizens as of advancing its own interests. The clerks have benefited by the new regime, inasmuch as they have acquired a quasi-professional status, and that will, in the future, doubtless increase their usefulness, and will lead to the advancement of their emoluments and privileges. Their interests were carefully conserved in the ordinances under the new Act; because it was recognised that in conserving those interests the public interests were also being conserved. On the whole, N.S.W. may well be proud of the splendid service which it receives from its shire and municipal officials, and can congratulate itself on the rapidity with which the men who were trained under the old regime accommodated themselves to the new; and upon the special skill developed in the newer men by the system so recently inaugurated.

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THE ELECTORS' LISTS.

Some of the magisterial decisions given in suburban agenas—in Glebe, for example—will greatly increase the numbers on the electors' lists, and doubtless make a considerable difference in the personnel of the councils which have to be elected next month. Doubtless the decision of the Labour party to take a share in municipal work—or, at any rate, to seek direct representation in the councils—has had much to do with the increased desire for enrolment. An enhancement of interest, from whatever cause proceeding, is a healthy sign. It is as well, too, that the freshened interest perceptible in this rush for enrolment, even at the last moment, was not damped by decisions of a technical nature, based upon fine legal distinctions. The decisions of the magistrates were given on broad grounds, and against certain technicalities which were raised.

DIFFICULTIES OF ENROLMENT.

Some difficulty might have been experienced in certain cases, as to the proper mode of making claims for enrolment. The ordinance (14, s.-s. 20) says that persons whose names are not on the wards or municipal lists of electors shall make a claim to the clerk in the form of the third schedule to the ordinance. This schedule sets out the statutory declaration which must be taken by oral tenants in municipal areas, but, assumes a great deal of knowledge in the person claiming, as it states that he must "set out the full facts upon which he considers himself entitled to be enrolled, and show how these facts constitute a qualification for enrolment as provided in the Local Government Act." The claimant must also "quote the provisions of the Act on which he relies." This would be a puzzle to a great number of persons who are qualified to vote; and the result, doubtless, is that their friends are called into counsel, and very often excess of zeal in party enrolment leads to individuals over-stepping the strict rules in such matters, and men, through ignorance, put themselves within the power of the law. That this is not an exaggeration is proved by the proceedings in connection with the enrolment of State electors, in which the procedure is somewhat similar. The procedure in enrolment should, and doubtless will be, simplified in any future amendment of the Act.


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## STUDENTS v. SPRINGBOKS.

### THE UNIVERSITY MATCH.

### MINNETT MAKES MERRY.

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For the ninth engagement of the Australian tour the Springboks were pitted against an eleven representative of the best that Australian 'varsity cricket could produce. If the match were played to a finality the Africans would very probably win. As it is limited to two days, something startling must happen to-day to give either side the victory. To the 288 compiled by the students, the Springboks have hit up 124 for the loss of the captain's wicket.

Cultured cricket sums up the day's exhibition. It was a 'varsity crowd, and the ladies who thronged the grandstand were the sisters and friends of the students. The picturesque arena was surrounded by colleges, while silhouetted against the skyline was their Alma-Mater. And a university cricket match partakes somewhat of the nature of a social function.

And the cricket was quite of the quality the occasion demanded. There were some stylists in action—even if they were not champions. Minnett made merry to the tune of 88. Harbour and M'Elhone supplied a most attractive partnership. Their bats fairly reeked with runs. With the minimum of effort, they gained the maximum of result. M'Elhone's cutting was superb. On the other hand, Commaille played the rock to perfection, while Faulkner again vindicated his claim to the title of champion.

The bowling was quite up to standard, although the dashing play of the students nipped in the bud the deadly googlies. No scalps dangled from the belts of Schwarz and Faulkner. Llewellyn, by well mixed beady trundling, bagged six wickets for 73—by far his best Australian effort. For the locals, Minnett electrified the crowd by scattering the Springbok skipper's sticks in his first over. Then over a hundred runs came, and no further wicket rewarded the 'varsity folk.

Even if this contest fails of finality it will be a far more enjoyable function than the matches which the Africans played in 1907 against Oxford and Cambridge. In both of those engagements wretched weather prevailed, and the matches were eventually abandoned. Yesterday the atmospheric conditions were ideal.

Sinclair, Vogler, Zulch, and Hathorn played the part of onlookers.

The students having been favoured by the spin of the coin, Dolling elected to bat on a perfect wicket, in perfect weather. He took Barbour in with him, and faced the swerving bowling of Nourse. Snooke took charge at the pavilion end, and in his first over captured the 'Varsity captain. Dolling tried to late cut a rising one, and the ball flew to Nourse in the slips. The big hands closed over the ball tight as an oyster. Nourse has the reputation of having never missed a catch in big cricket. He is the safest field in the world. With Dolling away, Barbour and M'Elhone became associated, the 'Varsity pair, who have been selected to represent the State in Victoria. The newcomer opened briskly, late-cutting both bowlers, and glancing the left-hander prettily to leg. Then the Grammarian opened out, and in one over took 10 from Snooke. The score mounted rapidly, even though Schwarz and Faulkner supplanted the opening trundlers. Fifty runs came in 26 minutes. Still batting brilliantly, the local pair entered the forties together. M'Elhone's cutting was beautifully crisp and clean, while Barbour scored freely all round the wicket. When 90 showed up Pegler and Llewellyn took charge, and saw both batsmen reach the half-hundred. The century only took 62 minutes to compile. The separation came shortly afterwards, M'Elhone being smartly stumped by Campbell off Llewellyn. Roy Minnett entered and saw Barbour make his first mistake, an uppish one in the slips, just out of Faulkner's reach. His second mistake was fatal; he got in front to Llewellyn, and retired with an excellent 51 to his credit. Lewers, of Melbourne, filled the vacancy, but he also got in front to the Hampshire man, who had thus registered his best bowling performance of the tour. The imported talent had so far done very little. Fisher joined his clubmate, and the pair kept their wickets intact until the luncheon adjournment, when the score stood at four for 149.

Runs came more slowly after luncheon, with Minnett and Fisher playing carefully. Then the Shoreman got a move on and took a couple of boundaries from the left-hander and soon reached 50. The second century appeared as a result of a clean off-drive by Fisher, who made his quota 22. Nourse now tried his swerves with the new ball, and his second over saw Fisher's dismissal, Sherwell at square-leg taking an excellent catch. Victoria's second representative now partnered Minnett. Hartkopf has plenty of length, which he nullifies by crouching. The newcomer saw Minnett gain top score honours, and also got a let-off from Faulkner at square-leg. Nourse being the unlucky bowler. Rejoicing in his good fortune Minnett laid the wood on, and by taking 13 for one over from Nourse he reached 82. This was his limit. He drove Llewellyn hard to the on, and Sherwell jumping brought off another fine catch. Minnett's 82 took only 75 minutes to compile, and his total included 12 fours. Another Adelaide man, Campbell, joined the Melbournian. It was not the newcomer's first essay against the Springboks. He represented South Australia in the opening match of the Africans' tour. On this occasion he reached double figures, and then succumbed to a googlie from Llewellyn, who was having a day out. Ordinarily the Hampshire man bowls a medium paced ball, turning from the leg. To-day he was stealing Schwarz's thunder. Stack, another Sydneysider, joined the tall Victorian, who was not shaping too confidently to Schwarz. Stack shaped poorly, and also fell a victim to Llewellyn; then Darby joined his club-mate. Play was exceedingly uninteresting with the two Victorians together, and runs came only once in a while. Nourse now for the first time in Australia, missed a catch. It was an almost impossible one, and the fieldsman got it low down with one hand, on which was a cut finger. It was bad luck to spoil so excellent a record in that way. The inactivity of Hartkopf was responsible for Darby's dismissal, run out for 9. Massie was the last man. At last Hardikopf pleased a bored crowd by nearly hitting a mixer. The ball landed just inside the fence. Then came tea-time, with the score nine for 281.

The end came soon after the adjournment. Massie being given out lbw to Pegler, and the innings closed for 288. Hardikopf was not out with a serviceable but unattractive 23 against his name.

AFRICANS AT THE WICKETS.

Seeing that he had made a success of going in first in the Test match, Sherwell took strike to Minnett, Commaille being his partner. But he was destined to emulate the example of the 'Varsity skipper, and get a duck, his first this tour. Minnett clean bowled him with his third delivery, and Faulkner filled the vacancy. The champion opened splendidly, twice driving Stack through the off-fieldsmen. Runs came almost exclusively from Faulkner, whose driving and cutting were magnificent. Soon the fifty showed up, with the champion in the thirties. Then the stonewaller moved along, and a couple of fine leg glances made his share a score. Still the champion forced the pace, and scored mostly on the off, but hooking the short ones solidly. He entered the fifties at a gallop, with the little western provincial less than half of that. Still scoring freely Faulkner reached the sixties, and at last looked like reaching the century. Although by far the most consistent scorer amongst the Springboks, he has so far failed to reach three figures in Australia. Thrice he has passed 70. Twice he has entered the sixties, and thrice the fifties. Still the elusive century has not come his way. After an hour's play 99 was hoisted. Commaille plodding along in the twenties. A well-run single brought the century, and a brace to the leg gave the stonewaller 20, his best effort during the tour. Seventy came to the champion's bat, while Commaille, putting a spurt on, reached two-score. The pair were undefeated at the call of time, when the board showed one for 124. Scores:—

COMBINED UNIVERSITIES.

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|---|---|
| C. E. Dolling, c Nourse, b Snooke | 0 |
| E. G. Barbour, lbw, b Llewellyn | 61 |
| F. E. M'Elhone, st Campbell, b Llewellyn | 20 |
| R. H. Minnett, c Sherwell, b Llewellyn | 82 |
| H. B. Lewers, lbw, b Llewellyn | 1 |
| E. M. Fisher, c Sherwell, b Nourse | 22 |
| A. E. V. Hartkopf, not out | 23 |
| G. C. Campbell, b Llewellyn | 10 |
| W. J. Stack, b Llewellyn | 9 |
| L. Darby, run out | 9 |
| H. J. A. Massie, lbw, b Pegler | 0 |
| Sundries | 10 |
| Total | 288 |

Fall of Wickets.—One for 2, two for 115, three for 124, four for 130, five for 213, six for 237, seven for 253, eight for 259, nine for 274, ten for 288.

Bowling.—Llewellyn, 20 overs, 3 maidens, 73 runs, 6 wickets; Nourse, 7 overs 2 maidens 36 runs 1 wicket; Snooke, 7 overs 2 maidens 30 runs 1 wicket; Pegler, 11.3 overs, 1 maiden 53 runs 1 wicket; Schwarz, 22 overs 3 maidens 69 runs 0 wickets; Faulkner, 6 overs 0 maidens 37 runs 0 wickets.

SOUTH AFRICA.—First Innings.

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|---|---|
| F. Sherwell, b Minnett | 0 |
| M. Commaille, not out | 42 |
| G. A. Faulkner, not out | 73 |
| Sundries | 9 |
| One wicket for | 124 |

Bowling.—Minnett, one for 34; Stack, none for 35; Darby, none for 31; Massie, none for 15.


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## LAW REPORT.

### HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA.

(Before the Chief Justice, in Chambers.)

THE FEDERAL SEAMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT.

DISTRICT COURT JUDGMENT REVERSED.

Re Melbourne S.S. Company, Ltd. (Judge Rogers and Michael Thy respondents).

Mr. Broomfield, instructed by Messrs. Norton Smith and Co., appeared on behalf of the Melbourne Steamship Company, Limited, and moved to make absolute a rule nisi for a writ of prohibition granted on Saturday last to restrain Judge Rogers and Thy from proceeding further upon a judgment of his Honor in the District Court. There was no appearance on behalf of respondents. It appeared that Michael Thy brought an action against the applicant company to recover compensation under the Federal Seamen's Compensation Act to recover compensation for injuries sustained by him on May 3, 1910, at Catherine Hill Bay, in this State, while working at his employment on board the steamer Perth, and by which he said he had been severely injured and would be incapacitated for work for a long time. He claimed £1 10s per week during the period of incapacity, and his Honor made an order on November 8 last for the payment of £1 5s 2d per week. As the High Court had since held the Act to be invalid a prohibition was now asked for to set aside his Honor's order.

Prohibition granted as asked.

### SUPREME COURT.

EQUITY COURT.
(Before Mr. Justice Street.)
ADJOURNED FOR SETTLEMENT.

Amusements Ltd., and the Companies Act.

Mr. Rich, instructed by Messrs. Dibbs, Parker, and Parker, appeared for the applicant, A. E. Leplastrier, in support of a motion for winding up the company. Mr. J. A. Browne, instructed by Mr. J. W. Maund, appeared for the respondent. Mr. Rich said that a settlement was pending, but the necessary documents had not yet been completed. In such circumstances he did not press for the order, because if the settlement was carried out and certain documents completed that would be satisfactory to his client.

The matter was adjourned to the 29th instant.

### DIVORCE COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Gordon.)
QUESTION OF DOMICILE.

Henrikson v Henrikson.

His Honor, in delivering his reserved judgment, said the suit was one brought by Alice Mary Henrikson against Peter Henrikson, for dissolution of her marriage with respondent on the ground that he had, without just cause or excuse, wilfully deserted her for three years and upwards. The parties were married on November 27, 1905, and there was no doubt that the desertion had been proved; and the only question upon which he reserved judgment was whether, at the time of the desertion, respondent, who was a native of Denmark, had acquired a domicile in New South Wales within the meaning of section 16 (a) of the Act. At the time of the marriage respondent was a sailor on board the Venture, and after marriage he lived with his wife at Newcastle for a fortnight in lodgings. He then left on a voyage, and upon his return he again lived with petitioner for two weeks, at the end of which time he left the State on another voyage. When he came back he rented a house at North Sydney, and bought some furniture for it. On April 9, 1906, he again went away, and had never returned to the petitioner since. It was said that on one occasion respondent stated that he was going to live in Sydney, but that was not sufficient; and, bearing in mind the principle laid down in Webb v Webb and other cases, he did not think there was sufficient evidence that on April 9, 1906, when the desertion took place, respondent had acquired a domicile in this State.

Suit dismissed.

WHAT CONSTITUTES DESERTION.

Martin v Martin.

His Honor said the suit was one brought by Mary Mathis Martin against Donald Heap Martin, for dissolution of the marriage on the ground of desertion without just cause or excuse for three years and upwards. The parties were married on December 21, 1886. He was of opinion that there was not sufficient evidence of desertion. Desertion meant the wilful separation by a respondent from a petitioner contrary to the wish of the latter, and without his or her consent. The evidence here was that at one time, when petitioner was earning her livelihood at Cootamundra, respondent asked her to return to him, but she declined unless and until he was in a position to offer her a home. She therefore voluntarily remained away from him, and he did not think that constituted desertion.

Suit dismissed.

### BANKRUPTCY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Street.)
MOTION FOR ATTACHMENT.

Re John Dodd.

Mr. B. B. O'Conor appeared for Mr. C. F. W. Lloyd, official assignee of the estate of John Dodd, of Parkes, storekeeper, and moved to make absolute an order for the issue of a writ of attachment against respondent, on the grounds that he had failed to comply with the order of the Court to file accounts for the two years immediately preceding the date of the sequestration of his estate; also for failing to forward to the official assignee a list of debts received or collected by him since the date of the acquisition of his estate, and pay over such moneys; and also wilfully failing to assist the official assignee in the administration of his estate. There was no appearance for the respondent. The estate was compulsorily sequestrated on April 25 last, on the petition of Michael John Fahey, of Bindogundri, near Parkes, farmer, and after considerable correspondence the statement of affairs was filed on August 2; but, according to the affidavit of Mr. Lloyd, bankrupt had not furnished the accounts referred to or a list of debts received or collected by him since the date of sequestration.

His Honor said that the omission to file accounts was no doubt wilful and deliberate. The bankrupt's solicitor had written to Mr. Lloyd stating that he had tried to get the information from bankrupt, but could not do so. The order nisi for attachment would therefore be made absolute, with costs.

### LAW NOTICES.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22.

SUPREME COURT.

Prothonotary's Office.—Before the Prothonotary.—At 2 p.m.: Ray v Stewart. At 2.15 p.m.: Watson v the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways. At 3 p.m.: Bode v the Wollongong Gaslight Company, Ltd. At 3.45 p.m.: Banks v Williams.

DISTRICT COURT.

Before the Registrar, in No. 2 Court.—At 10.30 a.m.: Gurrin and another v the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways. At 10.45 a.m.: Gurrin v the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways.

INDUSTRIAL REGISTRAR'S OFFICE.

Queen's-square.—Before the Industrial Registrar.—At 2.15 p.m.: For hearing, re Clothing (Tailoring) award, applications under clause 19, by S. Bowen, W. J. Proudford, Bornemann and Wood, E. T. Walsh, and Price and Co. At 2.30 p.m.: Re Lift Attendants' (Cumberland) award, application by W. J. Cocks; re Billposters' (Cumberland) award, application by S. B. Reilly. At 2.45 p.m.: To be mentioned, re Stonecutters' (Stonemasons') award, application by T. Thornton. For hearing, same award, applications by T. Peaty and R. Smith. Re Plasterers' award, application by F. Beves.

INDUSTRIAL REGISTRAR'S COURT.

Before the Industrial Registrar, at the Central Police Court.—At 10.30 a.m.: Henwood v Furley, same v McNamara, Connington v Baldwin Bros., Dodge v same, Lennon v Field.

CUSTOMS INQUIRIES.

Before the Acting Collector of Customs (Mr. Lawson).—At 10 a.m.: Chan Heng (steamer Empire), Long Hong, Foo Yoke, and Chan Sing, contravention sec. 233.

### LONDON COLLEGE OF MUSIC.

The following additional pass list has been forwarded to us by the organising secretary for New South Wales, Mr. A. Chudleigh:—

Piano, L.L.C.M.—Heather Bell, Doris Newman, Grace Kerr, Leland Parsons, Mary Sharpe.

Piano, A.L.C.M.—Maria Schofer, Mildred E. Rees, Edith M. Johnston.

Piano, Advanced Senior.—Alma Maquire, Millie Hardy, Gladys I. Dent, Walter Hopkinson, Leila M'Carthy.

Piano, Senior.—Alice Ivy Rees, Dorothy Dudley, Lily Campbell, Constance W. Webb, Muried I. Gilchrist, Queenie Graham, Marion Browning, Emily King.

Piano, Intermediate.—Dinah Glass, Maggie Weir, Bell Wyard, Edna M. Rawles, Mabel Gibson, Doreen Anstey, Vera Morrissey, Vera Cadman, Lottie Kirton, Mary Hynes, Agnes Guthrie.

Piano, Elementary.—Doris Schofield, Sylvia E. Nicholls, Alexander Tomkins, Ivy Hardy, Violet Walsh, Mytanwy G. Howel, Dorothy G. Howel, Ivy Walker, Frederick Dudley, Louisa Romder, Mary O'Keefe, Florrie Birch.

Piano, Primary.—Stella M'Pherson, Mary Brady, Ada Yeoll, Gladys Rowan.

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## LOITERING OR COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY.

### PRIVILEGES OF SHOPKEEPERS.

A case, the final decision of which will be of great importance to a section of the trading community, was heard on Wednesday at the Central Summons Court, before Mr. Barnett, S.M., when, as a result of a City Council prosecution, fines were imposed on two defendants for loitering. The allegation was that defendants by their action hindered and inconvenienced passers-by, and that they did not discontinue at the request of a police officer. The defendants were Henry Corner and Charles Morris. A sergeant of police gave evidence that he saw the defendants, who were employed at a store at the corner of Bond and George streets, stop passers-by, with the evident intention of inducing them to purchase goods at the store. No actual conversation was overheard, however.

Mr. J. W. Abigail, for the defence, submitted several grounds as to why the informations should be dismissed. The evidence disclosed the fact that the defendants were moving about at the time, and there was nothing to show that defendants were not first accosted. It was a very important matter for tradespeople. Moreover, the evidence did not substantiate the allegation that they hindered traffic. There was nothing to prevent an employee walking about in front of his master's shop in order to greet goods exposed for sale. The question was whether commercial activity could be interpreted into loitering.

Mr. Barnett said to his mind he was quite satisfied as to the defendants causing inconvenience to passers-by, and that they failed to discontinue when requested. Whether that meant loitering or not was the whole question. A Supreme Court Judge in Victoria had ruled that a man engaged actively in conducting his business did not no offend, but he had grave doubts as to whether that judgment would be upheld here.

On defendants being each fined 40s, Mr. Abigail applied for 21 days' grace, as it was his intention to have the case made a test one.

## WHEN COURTS DISAGREE.

### THE MAGISTRATE'S TASK.

An interesting case under the Factories and Shops Act came before the Central Summons Court, presided over by Mr. Barnett, S.M., yesterday, as a result of an appeal and counter-appeal following a decision by Mr. Barnett. In May last Walter I. Taylor, an inspector under the Act, proceeded against Albert Edward Grace for an alleged breach of the Minimum Wage Act in not paying a female required to work more than 48 hours weekly sixpence tea-money. The facts of the case, shortly, were that 48 hours' work was completed at 9 a.m. on the Saturday, and 6d tea-money was not paid on that day. Overtime commenced at 9 a.m. on Saturday, when she worked till 1 p.m. and finished. Complainant contended that the employee should have received tea-money for that morning's work. Complainant also submitted that when any overtime was worked tea-money must be paid, whether that overtime happened after 6 p.m. or not.

Mr. G. H. Leibius, for the defence, submitted that defendant was not required to pay tea-money, as overtime only referred to work done after 6 p.m.

Mr. Barnett then dismissed the case.

The department, however, was not satisfied, and appealed against the magistrate's decision. The Supreme Court held that the magistrate's interpretation was erroneous. Defendant then appealed from the Supreme Court's decision to the High Court, which allowed the appeal, with costs against respondent.

On the case being formally presented yesterday Mr. Barnett remarked that it was one in which he had decided that a girl was not entitled to be paid for a meal that she did not get or was not entitled to. In other words, tea-money did not mean break-fast money. The department was not satisfied, however, and appealed to the Supreme Court, which held that the case was too clear for argument. The case then went to the High Court, which said that this (Mr. Barnett's) decision was demonstrably right, and that there was no statutory incumbency on defendant to pay tea-money at the time mentioned in the information. Mr. Barnett also observed that the circumstances were illustrative of the difficulties which beset the magistrate in interpreting the laws of the State.

The original order of the magistrate was therefore sustained.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXAMINATIONS.

The local government clerks' and auditors' examining committee has submitted its report to the Minister for Works upon the examination held in October of candidates for certificates of qualification as auditors and clerks under the Local Government Act. The following were successful:—

Auditors.—J. Picken, W. E. Forsyth, C. J. Ward, E. H. J. O'Halloran, H. L. Dawson, A. P. Hungerford.

Clerks.—H. A. Furness, G. D. Langley, W. E. Corcoran, P. C. Crampton, C. E. Hawtin, D. N. Morrison, H. R. Tracy, A. Clinch, A. J. Druitt, J. G. G. Lee, W. J. Dyer, S. M. Smith, M. J. Cromarty, J. I. Harvey, C. E. S. Thomson, A. C. Marshall, C. E. Jepsen, F. G. Compton, W. E. Bannister, I. T. Armstrong, A. V. Barry, R. A. Brouff, O. B. E. Conolly, C. R. Macdonald, L. H. Mayo, H. E. Miller, M. C. H. Ogden, W. E. O'Halloran, C. J. Palmer, A. Rodgers.


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## RAILWAY TRAFFIC.

### THE CHRISTMAS RUSH.

The Christmas traffic on the railway, which is now in full swing, is remarkably heavy, but the department is coping with it in a manner that is meeting all demands. It would not be possible to make comparisons with last Christmas, because on that occasion the coal strike was in full swing, and the traffic was in consequence partly paralysed. But this year's traffic, when compared with former years, shows a heavy increase, and to meet this a special programme was arranged for. The rush commenced with the long-distance excursion trains arriving in Sydney up to Sunday last being well filled. They were largely patronised on every line. The mail and express trains this week are also heavily taxed. The Brisbane express on one or two days had to be run in two divisions. On Friday and Saturday the suburban excursion and special trains will arrive from the country. They will include all stations to Orange on the west, Tamworth on the north, Goulburn and Cooma on the south, and Nowra on the South Coast line. By Saturday it is expected there will be a greater number of country people in Sydney than has been the case at Christmas season for a number of years. The exodus of Sydney people into the country has commenced. A number of additional trains are to be run to all country centres on Friday; more trains again on Saturday, and to suit the shop assistants and others kept back through the late shopping on Saturday night, special country trains will leave Sydney after 10 p.m. on that day. There is a large increase in the suburban traffic this week. Women and children are flocking into town to do their Christmas shopping early, and to show their country cousins round the city, and this is largely responsible for the increase. To-morrow and Saturday will be exceptionally heavy days for the traffic superintendent and his staff, but this year they have been provided with a large addition to the rolling stock. Since last Christmas every section of the rolling stock has been augmented, and the number of locomotives has also considerably increased, so that the department feels that it is better able now to cope with a rush than ever before.

## ROCK-CHOPPING MACHINE.

### QUEENSLANDER APPLIES FOR PLANS.

A letter from Mr. Thos. Wright, a Queensland quarry owner, was discussed at the meeting of the Water and Sewerage Board on Wednesday. In it Mr. Wright applied for leave to have plans prepared and measurements taken of the board's rockchopping machine at a quarry in North Sydney, which Mr. Wright thought was the most perfect device for rockchopping that could possibly be constructed. It was also a great saver of life and labour. On the motion of Alderman Jones, the board decided to allow the plans and measurements to be taken, on the payment of 10 guineas by Mr. Wright. Half the fee, if accepted, will be forwarded to the inventor of the machine.


HEAD COVERED WITH MATTERING DISEASE.

ZAM-BUK TO THE RESCUE.

"My little girl, Lillian," says Mrs. Arthur Forsyth, of Randolph-street, Thebarton, Adelaide, S.A., "injured her knee, which became very inflamed, and developed into a running sore. She suffered very much from the intense pain, and at last became so bad she was not able to get about. For six months the child was in an awful state. During this period we tried everything we could think of, but nothing did it the slightest good.

"A friend gave me some Zam-Buk to try, as she was sure it would do Lillian good. A short time after commencing with Zam-Buk the inflammation subsided and the edges of the wound drew together, and new healthy skin began to grow over the damaged area. After persevering with Zam-Buk the wound was completely healed, and the child able to get about again.

"On another occasion a bad attack of eczema broke out on Lillian's head, which proved obstinate. The disease made its appearance in the shape of a small boil, which formed with matter at the top. This gradually grew larger until it broke and spread all over her head. I procured some Zam-Buk, which soon eased the smarting pain, and as Zam-Buk was continued with, so the disease was defeated and quite removed from her system. Zam-Buk made Lill

## BIRTHS.

BUSBY.—December 20, at 194 Queen-street, Woollahra, the wife of W. R. Busby—a son.

## PEARL WEDDINGS.

LYONS—PHILLIPS.—December 22, 1880, at the residence of the bridegroom's parents, 168 Goulburn-street, Sydney, by the Rev. A. B. Davis, assisted by the Rev. A. A. Levi, Judah, the eldest son of Phineas and Catherine Lyons, of this city, to Rachel, the eldest daughter of Morris and Sophia Phillips, of Sandhurst, Victoria. Present address: Callander, 72 Flinders-street, Moore Park.

## GOLDEN WEDDINGS.

WATSON—MAIDENS.—On December 22, 1860, at St. John's, Woollahra, by special license, by the Rev. J. F. R. Whinfield, S. J. Watson to B. Maidens. Present address, Pansangar, Burlington-road, Homebush.

## DEATHS.

BRIGGS.—December 20, 1910, at Parramatta, William Thomas Briggs, aged 56 years.

CHARKER.—December 20, 1910, at the Rowral District Cottage Hospital, William Charker, late of Imperial Hotel, aged 82 years.

GOLDEN.—December 19, at her parents' residence, 235 Harris-street, Pyrmont, Ellen Esther, dearly loved youngest daughter of Frank and Annie Golden, and sister of Ivy and Gus Dubos, aged 1 year 11 months and 3 weeks.

GRAY.—December 21, 1910, at Paddington, Margaret, relict of the Rev. James Gray (late of Lismore), aged 71 years.

GREEN.—December 20, 1910, at Royal Alexandra Hospital, Camperdown, Ida, beloved daughter of Alfred and Emilia Green, of Charlestown, N.S.W., aged 11 years.

LINDSAY.—December 17, at Grafton, Wilfred James, aged 10 months, beloved son of James and Maude Lindsay.

McCLOSKEY.—December 21, 1910, at Kyarnba, 30 Adelaide-street, Woollahra, Bridget McCloskey, aged 64 years. May her soul rest in peace.

SHEEHAN.—December 21, at her residence, Brellatt-street, Annandale, Ethel, dearly beloved daughter of James Sheehan, aged 12 years.

## IN MEMORIAM.

BANNERMAN.—In sad but loving memory of my dear father, William Bannerman, who passed away at Manly December 22, 1908, late of Royal Mint, Sydney. Inserted by his loving daughter, Emily.

BOWMAN.—In sad but ever-loving memory of my dear sister and auntie, Mary Bowman, who passed peacefully away at Arahiem on December 21, 1909. R.I.P.
Not dead to us, we loved her dear;
Not lost, but gone before.
She lives with us in memory still,
And will for ever more.
Inserted by her sorrowing sister, Winnie Manning, husband, family.

BRENNAN.—In loving memory of my dear wife, Sophia Marian, who departed this life December 22, 1908, aged 39 years.
My dear wife, how I mourn for you,
But not with outward show;
For those who mourn sincerely
Mourn silently and low.
Inserted by her loving husband, J. Brennan.

CLARK.—To the memory of my beloved husband, Theodore A. Clark, who entered into the life December 22, 1908. Lizzie Clark.

CLARK.—In loving memory of Theodore Anthony, who departed this life on the 22nd December, 1908. Inserted by Capt. William, Hilda, Allan, and Jack Lockeridge.

CLARK.—To the memory of our beloved father, Theodore Clark, who entered into the higher life December 22, 1908. Inserted by his affectionate children.

CRAMER.—In sad and kind remembrance of Ernest Cramer, who departed this life December 22, 1904, late of Goodsir-street, Balmain. Inserted by H. J. Moran.

DUFFY.—In loving memory of our dear mother, who departed this life December 22, 1908. Inserted by her loving daughter and son Jane and James Clisdell. Gone but not forgotten.

DUFFY.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Ellen Duffy, who died December 22, 1908. Inserted by her loving son and daughter-in-law, John and Jane Duffy, and grandchildren, William, Gladys, James, George, Tom, Ruth, and Frank.

JOWELL.—In loving remembrance of our dear son and brother, Reg., who departed this life on December 22, 1909, aged 24 years. Inserted by his loving mother, father, sisters, and brothers.

KIERAN.—In sad but loving memory of our dear son and brother, Bernard Bede Kieran, who departed this life December 22, 1905, at Brisbane Private Hospital, aged 19 years. Inserted by his sorrowing parents, sisters, and brothers. May his soul rest in peace.

LE MARCHANT.—In loving memory of my dear mother, Helen L. F. Le Marchant, relict of the late Charles Le Marchant, who passed away December 22, 1908, aged 48 years. Thy will be done. Inserted by her loving son, Jim.

LE MARCHANT.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Helen L. F., who departed this life December 22nd, 1908. "Peace, perfect peace." Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, Elsie and Hector Smithson.

LEWIS.—In sad but loving memory of my dear daughter, Miriam Lewis, who departed this life December 22, 1907, at Louis Trichardt, Zoutpansberg, South Africa, aged 38 years. (G.B.H.S.) Inserted by her loving mother, Dora Marks. Dead but not forgotten.

McCARTNEY.—In loving memory of my dear husband, Henry McCartney, who died 22nd December, 1908. Inserted by his loving wife and daughter, Mary McCartney, 190 Abercrombie-street, Redfern.

POINTING.—In loving memory of my dear husband and our father, Joshua James Pointing, who died December 22, 1907. Inserted by his loving wife and daughters.

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SAMMON.—In loving memory of our dearly beloved infant daughter, Lydia Emily Ann, who departed this life December 22, 1909, aged 1 year 8 months. Gone, but not forgotten. Inserted by her loving parents, George and Emily Sammon.

SLATTERY.—In fond and loving memory of our dear mother, Sarah Slattery, who departed this life December 18th, 1906. Inserted by her daughter and son-in-law, S. A. and C. H. Brown. R.I.P.

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## WRITING ON THE WALL.

The population figures just issued by the Commonwealth Statistician reveal Australia as numbering, on September 30, 4,451,454 inhabitants. The only satisfaction that may fairly be extracted from that estimate is that it represents an increase of 29,050 over that of the preceding quarter of this year. It is a poor satisfaction in the mass. That we remain, at this time of day, a people of something under 4½ millions, and that the rate of increase is so low in a country the most sparsely populated in the world, is a gravely serious matter. It should have the attention, indeed, of everyone with any concern at all for the future. At the end of the year 1896 our population was estimated at 3½ millions. An increase of a million in 14 years in a country such as this is a poor thing. It is especially a poor thing when those years include some during which immigration systems in all six States have been presumed to be attracting population at a rate far above the normal. In point of fact, it is of little more significance than that attaching to a natural increase of population; and our natural increase is in direst need of reinforcement from extraneous sources. The increases estimated for the respective States during the quarter under consideration have interest as showing Victoria substantially placed at the head of the returns, with an influx of 13,529, as against the 5287 of New South Wales, the competitor next in the scale. But in respect of State populations, at least of equal interest is the fact that the Commonwealth and the New South Wales Statisticians again agree to differ as to the estimated population of this State. As against the 1,678,921, exclusive of aborigines, credited to New South Wales by the State Statistician, the Commonwealth estimate allows us 1,648,551. The difference now represents a total of 25,370, and that may be regarded as likely to be an increasing total, which, moreover, will have considerable financial significance presently, when the per capita Federal return to New South Wales has to be paid. In any case, there should be no room for discrepancy between two sets of statistics, each of which is published, presumably, after careful and detailed research, and each of which, further, claims all the authority attaching to official accuracy. In a population estimate, too, involving little more than a million and a half, a difference in the official figures of over 25,000 is absurd.

But the gravest significance of this estimate of the population of the Commonwealth is in its fresh revelation of the inadequacy of our present methods of populating this country from outside. It shows the immigration schemes of all the States alike as totally discredited. It dismisses as futile the vigorous administrative work of the whole staff of immigration officials. It marks down as this country's most urgent need a whole-souled reorganisation of the entire machinery of immigration. By that way alone the existing burlesque of national progress will be ended. The marvellous prosperity of this country, and the easy conditions of its handful of people, are in some respects its tragedy; for they blind the public eye from perception of its foundation precariousness. Less prosperous and clearer visioned, it would catch a finer perspective. It would see for one thing, and unmistakably, a chaos of immigration confusion that has no least hope of success. It would focus a motley of experimental immigration work differing in detail in every State, and yet furtively hazarding itself, on occasions, as an Australian immigration policy. It would see even that official confusion inextricably entangled with privately administered charity organisations whose only basis of unity is in the fact that all alike operate independently the one from the other. It would gain some true conception of the political grasp of the question manifested on successive days in a legislative picture of many thousands of immigrants working blithely in the sunshine of the Barren Jack irrigation, and a legislative haggling as to whether £25,000 or £40,000 is to be spent next year on assisted passages. But the country is prosperous, and the public eye sees these things through a glass darkly. Perhaps the population figures now before us will flash some of the real significance of things upon it. Australia—1896, 3½ millions; 1910, 4½ millions. Is this the writing on the wall?

## THE CITIZEN ARMY.

The beginning of the new year will be a notable point of departure in the history of Australian defence. On that date compulsory training will formally come into force, and we shall have inaugurated the policy which in the ultimate will give us an effective citizen army. This was one of the first tasks to which the Commonwealth set itself. Each Administration in turn was fertile in schemes, and sterile in results. Many of the proposals were obviously unworkable, and deserved neglect. But we cannot altogether regret a decade of ineffective discussion and abortive defence politics. It at any rate taught us two things. We learned that compulsory training was the only sound basis for citizen defence, and we learned that politicians would never evolve a practicable scheme. It was then that we determined to enlist the services of the best organiser the Empire possessed to outline a plan of training for us, and though the credit of taking the present scheme in hand belongs to Mr. Fisher, we must not forget that when his predecessors invited the co-operation of Lord Kitchener, they went more than half-way towards solving the problem. Lord Kitchener not only advised us as to the details of organisation, but he secured for us a man after his own heart to lay the foundations of the new force. But the least that can be said for the Labour party in Commonwealth politics is that it has never shown a narrow or unpatriotic spirit where defence is concerned, nor has it fallen a victim to those doctrinaire opinions, according to which citizen defence is synonymous with militarism. At this point Labour has attained a clear vision of its responsibility. The transition period will be one to cause no little anxiety, and to call for arduous service on the part of the personnel of the force, and especially on the part of the area officers. But a few years will see us safe on the other side.

As is explained elsewhere, the universal training scheme will be developed in four successive steps. The first half of the coming year will be taken up by the registration and enrolment of boys between fourteen and seventeen. Such enrolment will later on proceed automatically, for it will be known beforehand just what boys are reaching the training age, and where they are. At the start this is impossible, and a high degree of concentration, so to speak, must not be expected in the product. Still, the area officers ought to be able to secure a fair percentage of the lads liable for training, and we shall have a senior cadet force in the neighbourhood of 100,000. That is the nucleus of the army of the future. Within five years it will be able to give a splendid account of itself, and it will then begin to form the backbone of the citizen army proper. There is no room to doubt the success of this part of the scheme. Australian boys take to shooting almost as naturally as they take to swimming, and provided area officers use a little tact and discretion the senior cadet force can rely on being a happy family—and that is half of the battle for efficiency. It is easy to lick the willing recruit into shape. The work of organising the various areas has naturally taken a great deal of time, and with so many officers to deal with it is too much to expect that everything will run smoothly at the start. But so long as the scheme has no inherent defects it may be trusted to right itself. Meanwhile it is very desirable that existing citizen forces should be maintained at their full strength, and that they should not be allowed to feel that they are being placed on the shelf. As is pointed out, very much depends on the hearty co-operation of all existing ranks. The veteran makes an invaluable stiffening in any army. At the other end, too, we hope an effort will yet be made to conserve the existing junior cadets. It is true that these are nominally retained, but, in effect, they are reduced to playground drill and miniature rifle ranges. It should be possible, we have always held, to maintain them on something much closer to their present footing, and the relatively small expenditure required to that end would be well worth while.

## TRAFFIC CONGESTION.

The Lord Mayor's minute outlining the city improvement plans for next year shows that, as far as the council is concerned, the work of reconstruction will be pushed on as strenuously as possible. Probably very few people yet realise how much has been accomplished, but when a few new outlets have been made linking up already cleared areas it will be obvious at a glance that we have made a genuine start, if not towards the city beautiful, at any rate towards the city useful and convenient. Next year we shall be able to assess what has been done at its true value. By the end of that time half of perhaps the biggest item in the scheme—Oxford-street—will have been completed, and while in the next year or two the other half is under weigh, it is to be hoped that the Paddington Council will see its way to carry on the good work through the area it controls. It would be the climax of absurdity to set out to make a great highway to the eastern suburbs and find it blocked at the city boundary. The Lord Mayor also sticks tenaciously to his Flinders-street resumption proposal, and though he speaks rather disrespectfully of this thoroughfare, there is a great deal to be said for the widening he is so eager to see accomplished. The distance is not considerable, and the new avenue would make a safe and magnificent approach to Moore Park and Randwick. When we remember the scores of thousands carried along Flinders-street at various times the justification for the scheme hardly needs arguing. All that can be said against it is that it is one of the things that can wait. With regard to Darlinghurst Gaol, its removal has been urged over and over again, both by city and gaol authorities, and by the Improvement Commission, whose findings we are glad to see Alderman Taylor keeps steadily in view. He has had the courage of his convictions, and taken the initiative wherever it was in the power of the municipality to do so; but he has worked all along with an eye to that remoter future, when some Government will rescue the commission's report from its pigeonhole, and set its hand to its part of the business. Meanwhile we must be thankful for what is being done.

The Lord Mayor, with reason, speaks very strongly on the subject of transit. This is one of the matters that remain in the hands of the State, and everyone seems to admit that the limit of the present means of handling traffic has almost been reached. The tram services are incapable of further extension, or, indeed, of carrying much more rolling stock. On the other hand, traffic increases by leaps and bounds in every direction. The long-suffering public puts up with daily inconveniences, even with daily danger, but if its patience were infinite that could not save the situation. The Improvement Commission rightly put traffic consideration in the forefront; and it recommended the "immediate" introduction of a system of underground electric railways, linking up, by means of tunnels, to the North Shore. It recommended the resumption of the Gaslight Company's premises in Sussex-street, and affirmed the extreme urgency of such a course. Now, after two or three years, the work done by the commission seems in danger of being forgotten. It is doubtful if a more thorough investigation of transit possibilities has ever been made for any city in the world. Almost every engineer of repute came forward with suggestions and plans, and finally the Railway Commissioners worked out in detail a scheme that was recommended. It was given full publicity at the time, and everyone who has to move about was immensely interested in it. But nothing has happened, and unless public opinion expresses itself vigorously, and keeps on doing so, nothing is likely to happen. Any Government has the excuse that enormous expenditure is involved, and we may half-pardon it for shirking what is a really tremendous responsibility. But, on the other hand, the responsibility has to be shouldered, and the longer it is left the heavier it will be. On the most conservative estimate Sydney will have a population of over a million soon after the first quarter of the century closes, and the transit works agreed to be absolutely essential will perhaps take a decade to carry out. It is just there that the necessity for immediate action lies, and we should not allow any difficulty to deter us from facing a problem that becomes more menacing every year.

## SPOILS TO THE VICTORS.

The explanation given by the Attorney-General yesterday in response to the challenge thrown out by Mr. M'Court may be accepted as a reply, but it does not relieve the Government of a serious responsibility. On the facts we find that the police magistrate at Moss Vale had recommended a certain gentleman for the position of coroner. Mr. Holman disregarded this recommendation, and on the nomination of Mr. Meagher appointed someone else. The name of the member for Pyrmont was joined with Mr. Meagher's in the indictment drawn by Mr. M'Court. But since the Attorney-General declares that he was only influenced by Mr. Meagher's recommendation we may confine our criticism to that phase of the situation. The public will be ready to discuss a very important question with an open mind, and it is sufficient for the present that the Government stands convicted of ignoring the nomination of an unbiassed officer of the Department of Justice to serve its political supporters. It is true that the Attorney-General claimed yesterday to have made the appointment without bias, believing, as he says, that the man so favoured was deserving of the position he now occupies. He has been Mayor of Moss Vale, and is a member of the Municipal Council, and the Attorney-General is convinced that he will make a good coroner. Mr. Holman asks, in effect, what more can be required of a Minister? He has to choose persons to serve the State. Why should he be debarred from giving the post of coroner to one who comes endorsed by the present Chairman of Committees?

The reply must be made that it is all of a piece. Mr. Holman has shown, not once, but several times, that as Attorney-General he does not regard the law or the traditions of his office in the same light as many of his predecessors. The Labour party, in fact, claims to be a law to itself. The caucus is above Parliament, and Ministers may act as they please, provided that they have a majority of their own party behind them. This is not a matter confined to New South Wales. In the attitude of the Premier of South Australia during the recent Adelaide strike and on a previous occasion, we have seen how a truculent unionism has been able to bend Ministers to its will. The Federal Government has been just as amenable to discipline, and now our own State Government is showing that it cannot be trusted. Industrial or electoral law is something to be broken or observed as the fit comes, and patronage is to be dispensed without respect to the claims of others than members of Parliament. It seems to be a case of "spoils to the victors" in the incident before us. Mr. Holman may insist, perhaps, that the Liberal Government has frequently divided spoils in the same way. All we can say is that Mr. Holman would have been the first when a member of the Opposition to denounce anything of the sort; and if there had been a disposition on the part of Liberal Ministers to ignore the recommendations of responsible officers, and give precedence to men nominated by members of Parliament on their own side of the House, the public would soon have heard all about it. But, whether or no, the principle of political patronage is a vicious one, and cannot be supported or extenuated by any excuse or explanation which Mr. Holman may see fit to offer. It represents a looseness of thought and an indifference to fair dealing and sound administration which augur ill for the government of this State; and if this way of administration is allowed to go on for any length of time there will be serious trouble ahead. It is not remarkable that there should be such a state of things when we remember that Labour members are itching to raise their own salaries, and are determined to pull down the safeguards of the franchise to secure a return to power. But it certainly means that, unless the country makes immediate and effective protest, we shall soon have our politics in the evil case reported from America.

**Punt at Tom Ugly's Point.**—During discussion of the Estimates of the Works Department in the Legislative Assembly, Mr. Taylor asked if provision were made for the duplication of the punt across the George's River at Tom Ugly's Point, this being a very important work. *The Minister for Works* replied, "I have not made provision in these Estimates, but the hon. member showed me the necessity of the work; and I gave instructions to have it put in hand at once, and the men are now proceeding with it."

**Temporary Government Clerks.**—A correspondent recently referred to the system of employing temporary junior clerks in the public service, which, he said, was gaining increased grounds. On inquiry being made it is officially stated that so far from 2000 odd being employed, there are only about 130. The Public service, like the commercial houses, finds a shortage in the supply of suitable lads for the purpose of recruiting the junior ranks. A regulation passed some years since provides for the appointment of boys of 15 to 17, who are offered engagements for three years, or until the age of 18 is reached, and to afford them an opportunity of qualifying for the permanent staff in the meantime. Many have so qualified, and have received staff appointments. Every encouragement has been given to the lads to pass the examination for permanent places, but owing to the fact that entrance to the clerical division is competitive, no lower education standard can be permitted for one class than that prescribed for another, even if it were considered desirable to do so. It is not proposed at present to hold further examinations for temporary junior clerks. Any lads who gain creditable marks at the annual junior clerks' examination, but do not quite succeed in passing, will in future be considered for employment as temporary junior, with a view to their competing at a subsequent examination.

**Spit to Manly Tram.**—The Mayor of Manly (Alderman James Power) stated at the last council meeting that he had good authority for informing the aldermen that the Spit to Manly tram would commence running just after the New Year—probably about January 3. The men erecting the poles and wires were working overtime to complete the line at the junction of Belgrave-street and Raglan-street. Brookvale tram would not be converted from steam to electric traction for a few months.

**Highland Society Competitions.**—A correspondent complains that the dissatisfaction caused by, the dancing awards at the last Highland Society's gathering is likely to arise again, as the same judge has been selected. Mr. Gray, the treasurer of the society, explains that the discussion in the press referred to by the correspondent at last year's gathering, was not in connection with the dancing decisions at all, but with the costumes. The judge in question was an expert dancer, and at the last gathering gave the greatest satisfaction among the competitors. He had not been teaching for a number of years, and had no interest in the competitors.

**Fox in a Hospital.**—Yesterday afternoon the sergeant in charge of No. 2 police station was informed by telephone than an English fox was trespassing on the grounds of a private hospital in Rosebank-street, and could not be prevailed on to leave the premises. Accordingly, Constable Pattison was sent to arrest him. After some little trouble the constable succeeded in apprehending the intruder, who went quietly to the station, and was then locked up in a cell on the charge—the sergeant unofficially stated—of being a prohibited immigrant. The animal will be presented to the Zoo, to-day.

**Bird Killed by a Tennis Ball.**—During the course of a speech to the teachers and others assembled at the High School yesterday to form a League of Bird Lovers, Inspector S. Lasker stated that on one occasion, when he was playing lawn tennis, a silver-eye flew across the court, and was struck by the ball he had hit, so that it was killed. The incident recalls to mind the feat attributed to Mr. S. Gregory, in England, of fielding a swallow instead of the ball during a cricket match.

**Abnormal Tides.**—The tides in the harbour during the past few days have been unique in the height of their rise and consequent depth of fall. The wharfs at the Quay presented an unusual appearance at high water (1.3 p.m. yesterday, the pontoons being higher than the fixed structures. The bays and inlets round the harbour had also changed considerably at this hour, much of the usually exposed land being under water. The Leichhardt Canal was again over its banks, and the Lewisham stormwater channel, which runs into it was so full that numerous boys took the opportunity for a swim in parts where generally there is no water. Though the tides at present are the highest recorded, very high tides also occurred in May and June of this year.

The following communication has been received by the Deputy Postmaster-General:—"London advises all stations that Monday and Tuesday next, 26th and 27th, will be bank holidays here, the latter by special statute."

Mr. W. J. Bailey, was yesterday the recipient of a silver-plated inkstand and an illuminated address from the prizewinners and competitors in the "Children's Corner" competitions during the past year.

We have received a copy of the new edition of Wilson's "Street Directory of Sydney and Suburbs." Extensive additions have been made, and several useful maps have been provided. The publication includes a guide to the Blue Mountains.

The railway revenue last week was £24,064 higher than in the corresponding week of last year, when the coal strike brought down the receipts. The tramways showed an increase for the week of £4474.

William Farmer and Co. have sent to us a copy of their jewellery catalogue.

## PERSONAL.

The Archbishop of Sydney (Dr. Wright), the Bishop of Bendigo (Dr. Langley), and Dr. Houison were, at the St. Philip's Church centenary social, held at the Y.M.C.A. last night, each presented with specially-bound copies of the history of the Church.

Mr. J. Nangle, who has been permanently appointed to the position of lecturer in charge of the Department of Architecture at the Sydney Technical College, was last evening presented with a gold watch by the students at a social gathering at the King's Hall.

Mr. P. E. Getting, who for the past 14 years has occupied the position of chief inspector to the Board of Health (professional division), was on Tuesday presented with a Cutler roll-top desk, to mark the occasion of his promotion to the office of deputy superintendent of quarantine for N.S.W. Dr. Ashburton Thompson made the presentation.

A reunion of "old boys" who underwent training at the Fort-street school 26 years ago was held on Tuesday evening. Mr. A. S. Garden, of the Moridale Public School, was chairman. "Ourselves" was proposed by Mr. W. Jones, of the Manly Public School, who trusted that the gatherings would be continued annually "till the last member passed out." Other toasts proposed were "The Chairman," "The Department," and "Absent Comrades." Those present were Messrs. A. E. Garden, W. Jones, J. Finney, B.A., J. Maloney, H. Thomas, W. U. Brown, J. R. Byrne, E. Henry, W. T. Anderson, C. E. Broome, W. W. Lawler, S. E. Ling, S. Searles, R. Miller, M. R. Wyatt, P. T. Walsh, A. Cahill, P. F. Newman, Theo. Sheehy, and W. Carey Taylor.

Dean Marriott and Mrs. Marriott returned to Bathurst by yesterday's train. They were met at the station by the churchwardens and some parishioners. Subsequently a short service was held in All Saints' Cathedral, and an address was delivered by the Dean. The Dean left in April for a trip to England for health purposes, and during his absence he married again.

Mr. William Charker, proprietor of the Imperial Hotel, and a resident of Bowral for nearly half a century, died on Tuesday night, aged 82 years.

Mr. L. L. Lewis, one of the oldest members of the Victorian Commercial community, died on Wednesday, aged 76 years. About 20 years ago he retired, and settled in Europe; but the collapse in 1893 in Australia, where his property was invested, led to his return to Melbourne, and his re-entry into active business life when he was 60 years of age. His remarkable gifts, and his great energy enabled him to very quickly rehabilitate his fortunes. Apart from business, the late Mr. Lewis was well known in musical circles. He married Miss Rosa Dunn, daughter of Mr. John Dunn, a well-known actor of the sixties and seventies.

Probate has been granted in the will of the late Mr. John McCormick, of Goldicourt, Bay Road, North Sydney, contractor. Testator died in October last, and by his will he left to his widow, Ellen McCormick, absolutely, all his furniture, plate, pictures, and household effects, also a legacy of £1000. The residue of his real and personal estate was to be realised by the trustees, and out of the income derived from the proceeds the trustees were to pay to the widow an annuity of not less than £800 during her life. After her death the whole of the capital and income were to be divided among testator's children in equal shares. The estate was valued for purposes of probate at £37,792, of which £12,780 18s 2d represented real estate.

## ADMIRAL HENDERSON'S TOUR.

HOBART, Wednesday.

Admiral Henderson and staff, accompanied by Captain Creswell, the Premier (Sir Elliott Lewis), the Tasmanian naval commandant (Lieutenant Milford M'Arthur), and the Master Attendant (Mr. W. H. Burgess), this morning left in the steamer Marana on a visit of inspection of D'Entrecasteaux Channel and Huon River. The party visited Hospital Bay and Port Esperance, at both of which places there is ample depth of water for warships of large size. Admiral Henderson expressed himself delighted with the immense expanse of deep water and scenery, and Lady Henderson, who also accompanied the party, was likewise charmed with the trip. The total distance steamed was over 100 miles without leaving sheltered waters. The party returned this evening.

## THE NORTHERN TERRITORY.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

To-day the Executive Council issued a proclamation fixing January 1 as the day on which the Northern Territory Surrender Act shall come into operation.

## HARBOUR TAXATION.

### FERRY BOATS, LIGHTERS, AND TUGS.

Ferry boats, tugs, lighters, and every vessel of any type registered in New South Wales are to be taxed by the Navigation Department. The tax is to take the shape of harbour and light rates, which have hitherto been charged only on sea-going vessels. The regulations (61 and 62) of the Navigation Act have been in existence since 1901, but so far these harbour boats have escaped the charges. Notice of the enforcement of the regulations has been served on the various owners of vessels, the first half-yearly payment being due at the end of the month. Some of the ferry companies will have to pay a substantial bill each half-year.

## TO-DAY.

Town Hall: Philharmonic Society's Concert.
Her Majesty's: "The Whip," 7.45.
Criterion Theatre: "The Prince and the Beggar Maid," 8.
Theatre Royal: "Our Miss Gibbs," 7.45.
Palace Theatre: "Fra Diavolo," 8.
Tivoli Theatre: Vaudeville, 7.50.
National Amphitheatre: 7.45.
Glaciarium: West's Pictures, 8.
Lyceum Theatre: Spencer's Theatrescope, 8.
Bijou Theatre: Moving Pictures, 8.
Zoological Gardens and Aquarium: 9.30 to 5.30.
Empire Picture Palace: Hyde Park, 9.
Olympia Theatre: Moving Pictures, 8.
Fairyland Trip: No. 7 Jetty, 10, 2.
Fanciful Follies, Venesia: Mosman, 8.15.
Ann Stadium: Johnson-Jeffries' Pictures, 8.15.

## STATE SESSION.

### NEARING THE END.

### WORK IN THE COUNCIL.

After getting through the preliminary process now so customary at the close of a session, of consenting to the suspension of the Standing Orders for the purpose of expediting the passage of bills, the Legislative Council opened the general business with the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Bill. The importance and urgency of the measure were conceded, and it was carried through without material amendment, except in clause 18, in which the interest on overdue charges was increased from 4 to 10 per cent., on the motion of Mr. Ashton, who did not consider that the lower rate would prove a sufficient stimulus to prompt payment. The Coal Mines Regulation (Ventilation) Bill was read the second time, but did not pass through committee scatheless, as an amendment was carried, on the motion of Mr. Garland, providing that if a miner was closed down for a week the Minister should grant exemption as to ventilation. The third reading of the bill was postponed.

The other measures

## LIBERAL MAJORITY.

### AN INCREASE OF TWO.

### ON ATTACHED SECTIONS.

### TWO GREAT PARTIES EQUAL.

LONDON, Dec. 20.

The final returns in the election were declared to-day, and they give the Government a majority of 126 over the Unionists, or two more than in January. The official Liberal party has the same number of members as the Conservative party.

The state of parties is as follows:—

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| Government— | |
| Liberals | 272 |
| Labour | 42 |
| Redmondites | 74 |
| O'Brienites | 10 |
| | 398 |
| Unionists | 272 |

At the close of the January election the state of parties was:—

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| Government— | |
| Liberals | 275 |
| Labour | 40 |
| Redmondites | 71 |
| O'Brienites | 11 |
| | 397 |
| Unionists | 273 |

Thus it will be seen that both the great parties have lost, as well as the O'Brienites, and that Labour and the Redmondites have gained.

### FEARS OF REVOLUTION.

### THE "TIMES" APPEALS TO MR. ASQUITH.

The "Times," in a leading article on the conclusion of the elections, writes that Mr. Asquith showed wise moderation in trying to reach a settlement of the veto powers of the House of Lords by a conference. The same issues will require decision next year, and he will be clothed with no more adequate authority to decide them.

The "Times" cherishes the hope that Mr. Asquith will follow his own precedent, and espouse the cause of sound statesmanship against revolutionary violence.

## THE REDMONDITE MAJORITY.

### OVER O'BRIENITE CANDIDATES.

In the eighteen contests where Nationalists faced O'Brienites, the Nationalists polled 52,842, and the O'Brienites 33,523.

## BRITISH AND AMERICANS.

### GERMAN RESENTMENT.

BERLIN, Dec. 20.

Count Reventlow, a naval publicist, denounces the fraternisation of the Americans and English during the visit of the United States squadron to British waters.

*Count* Reventlow says that the act of the warships not visiting Germany is a deliberately unfriendly act amounting to a political demonstration when viewed in connection with "the vapourings of the American officers" on the occasion of their entertainment in London at the Guildhall.

On December 3 800 American sailors were entertained at luncheon at the Guildhall. Commander Sims, in replying to the speech of welcome from the Lord Mayor, Sir T. Vezey Strong, said he personally believed if the British Empire was seriously menaced by an external enemy it might count on every man, every dollar, and every drop of blood of its kindred across the seas.

## THE PRETTY DIVORCE CASE.

### DECREE ABSOLUTE GRANTED.

LONDON, Dec. 20.

Mr. Justice Bargrave Deane delivered reserved judgment to-day in the matter of the intervention of the King's Proctor to prevent the decree of December 6, 1909, divorcing Mrs. Pretty from her husband being carried into effect, a verdict having been returned that Mrs. Pretty had been guilty of misconduct with Alfred Halfpenny.

His Lordship now granted Mrs. Pretty a decree absolute, as her husband's cruelty had contributed to her misconduct with Halfpenny.

Mr. Justice Bargrave Deane stated that he understood a gentleman was willing to marry Mrs. Pretty.

## SIR EDWARD SHACKLETON.

### ARCTIC EXPLORATION TRIP.

### ANTARCTIC CIRCUMNAVIGATION.

LONDON, Dec. 20.

Sir Edward Shackleton and six companions who were associated with him in his expedition to the Antarctic will start for Spitzbergen, in the Arctic Ocean, for three months' scientific and geographical exploration.

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Sir Edward Shackleton, in the course of an interview, said that he hoped after his exploration to conduct a general circumnavigation of the Antarctic region.

## THE ITALIAN FRANCHISE.

### PROPOSED EXTENSION.

ROME, Dec. 20.

The Italian Government has prepared a bill to extend the franchise to all people able to read and write, which will thereby add 1,500,000 voters to the electorate.

It is also proposed to make voting at elections obligatory.

## SOCIAL QUESTIONS.

### PROBLEMS FOR CITIES.

LONDON, Dec. 21.

Mr. Asquith, Prime Minister, was presented with the Freedom of the City of Edinburgh yesterday. In his speech accepting the gift Mr. Asquith urged the cities of Great Britain to grapple with social questions.

The Earl of Rosebery was present.

## ROYAL CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

### HELPING THE POOR.

LONDON, Dec. 20.

The King and Queen have given Christmas gifts to the Salvation Army and the Church Army.

His Majesty told the Rev. Prebendary Carlile, founder and chief hon. secretary of the Church Army, that he longed to help all poor people, and wished he could do so.

## NEW YORK EXPLOSION.

### APPALLING RESULTS.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 20.

The death-roll caused by the explosion in the New York Central Railroad Company's power-house is given as 11, and the damage to property amounts to £400,000.

## PUNISHING STRIKERS.

### FRENCH GOVERNMENT'S POLICY.

### NO AMNESTY FOR VIOLENCE.

PARIS, Dec. 21.

An excited debate took place in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday, when the Socialists advocated clemency towards the railwaymen dismissed on account of the recent strike.

M. Briand, the Premier, announced that he had invited the companies to deal with each case in a spirit of large-minded justice. The companies would not dismiss any man because he was a trade-unionist, or had been a striker; but only if he had committed acts of violence or sabotage.

The interest of the country, M. Briand said, demanded that there should be no clemency to those defying the order for mobilisation, and the Government, in the interests of discipline, would not extend the general amnesty to strikers who had been dismissed.

The Chamber voted confidence in the Government by a majority of 248 votes, the division being:—

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| For the Government | 354 |
| Against | 106 |

## SPURIOUS PICTURES.

### A PSEUDO COUNT CHARGED.

PARIS, Dec. 21.

Mrs. Paine, widow of the American copper king, has instituted proceedings against a pseudo Count d'Aulby de Glatigny for selling her spurious pictures for £40,000. One of these pictures was signed *Corot*; others purported to be originals of Murillo, Titian, and Correggio.

Mrs. Paine alleges that the supposed count is a son of a tailor, living at Braintree, Essex.

Mrs. Paine discovered the fraud which had been perpetrated on her when in April an expert visited her picture gallery at Tours. She was taken aback by hearing him express strong doubts as to the authenticity of the greater number of her coveted treasures. Here were such labels as Chardin, Corot, and Mignard for the French school, Titian and Correggio for the Italian school, and Murillo to represent Spain; but it was soon demonstrated to Mrs. Paine that her pictures were worth but a very small proportion of what she had paid for them.

Then came the question of how she had been persuaded to invest in such imitations. She explained that they came from a chateau in the country inhabited by acquaintances of hers, a count and a countess. She was advised to put the matter before the police, and inquiries were at once made. The count and countess were arrested as they entered their chateau on their return from Paris. Mrs. Paine paid £40,000 in all for her collections. The police are wondering whether there are not others who have equipped their picture galleries at the same source, for on searching the chateau they discovered many more pictures that are no more authentic than those bought by Mrs. Paine.

The pair went under the name of Comte and Countesse d'Aulby de Glatigny, and were living in the beautiful Chateau de la Tour, a few miles from Tours. At the time of their arrest the man was said to be of English origin, and to be also known as the Prince de Borghetto, and the Prince de Luzignau. His wife is an American, born at Boston. They have been residing at the Chateau de la Tour, where they kept numerous servants, horses, and automobiles, for the last eight years, and are well known in the aristocratic valley of the Loire.

## A MATRICIDE SENTENCED.

### A RESENTFUL SON.

PARIS, Dec. 20.

Gaston Waehe, of Paris, who in April last fatally shot his mother, the possessor of property worth £100,000, because he resented her marriage to a stockbroker, has been sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment with solitary confinement.

Gaston Waehe, who has been sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment, is 33 years of age; his mother, when she was murdered, was 65. She had been married to her second husband only five days when the deed was committed. Madame Waehe was the widow of the owner of a large Paris emporium, and her share of his fortune amounted to £160,000. Large sums were left to the four children of the marriage, the two daughters and the elder son being married. The younger son, who murdered his mother, was unmarried. He lived with her, and one day saw in a journal the announcement of her intended marriage to M. Hujos, a banker, who was well known to her elder son. Gaston had a stormy scene, when at last she promised to forego her intention. On April 14, as he was about to leave for his office, Madame Waehe, or, rather, Madame Hujos, as she now was, informed him that she had changed her mind. He remonstrated with her, but she said it was no use, as she had been married to M. Hujos on the previous Saturday. He called one of his sisters in, and Madame Hujos explained that her affection for them would still continue, but that as her husband was bringing his daughters to live in the house her son Gaston would have to leave and take quarters in a flat. Nothing occurred then, but in the evening, when Gaston returned home, he found that alterations were being made to the rooms he had occupied. He asked the reason, and his mother informed him that the daughters of her husband desired it so, and when he remonstrated she exclaimed: "If you are not pleased you have only to take yourself off." The son immediately pulled out a revolver and shot her dead. When he had found what he had done he was overwhelmed with remorse. He sent for a doctor, and telephoned for his sister. The doctor informed the police, who arrived and arrested Waehe. Among the letters seized in the house was one from M. Hujos to his future wife, declaring that the condition of their union was that she should divide her fortune among her four children, reserving only sufficient for her bare necessities.

## FRENCH RAILWAY PENSIONS.

PARIS, Dec. 20.

The Government is preparing a bill to allow supplementary pensions to railwaymen, based on the number of years of service, for those employees not hitherto entitled to a pension.

The annual cost will be 7,000,000 francs (about £280,000) for 25 years.

## INTIMIDATION IN WALES.

### EXEMPLARY SENTENCES.

LONDON, Dec. 21.

Two Rhondda Valley miners have been sentenced to imprisonment at Pont-y-Pridd for violence and intimidation. Several other miners have been fined for intimidation.

A huge demonstration was made by miners outside the courthouse against the sentences, but a force of police and military maintained order.

## WINNIPEG TRAMWAY STRIKE.

### A SERIOUS RIOT.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 20.

One thousand tramway workmen on strike and sympathisers in Winnipeg created a riot.

They demolished 14 street cars.

Several men were injured.

## MEXICAN REVOLT.

### DECISIVE BATTLE IMMINENT.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 21.

Large reinforcements have been despatched to the Federal troops in Chihuahua, and it is believed that the rebels have been trapped. A decisive battle is imminent.

## THE CABLES.

### ATLANTIC AMALGAMATION.

### GUARANTEE TO BRITISH COMPANY.

LONDON, Dec. 21.

In the agreement for the amalgamation of the Western Union and Anglo-American Cable Companies the Western Union Company unconditionally guarantees 3½ per cent. on £7,000,000 capital of the Anglo-American Company in perpetuity.

Nothing is said regarding the division of the surplus profits, which, it is believed, will go to the American partner (the Western Union Company).

## DEFERRED MESSAGES.

### INSTITUTION ON ATLANTIC LINES.

The "Times" states that Mr. Sydney Buxton, President of the Board of Trade, has arranged with the chief Atlantic cable companies for the transmission of deferred cablegrams in plain language at 6d a word. The consent of Germany and France, it is anticipated, will be obtained without difficulty.

## BRITISH CAPITAL.

### IMMENSE INVESTMENTS ABROAD.

LONDON, Dec. 21.

Mr. George Paish, joint editor of the "Statist," read a paper before the Statistical Society last night on the British investments abroad.

Mr. Paish declared that at the end of 1907 British capital invested in India, the colonies, and foreign countries amounted to £2,683,738,000, of which the annual yield was £139,791,000.

During the last three years, Mr. Palsh said, a further £515,000,000 of British capital had been invested abroad.

## MURDERED CONSTABLES.

### SEARCH FOR ASSASSINS.

### NINETY DETECTIVES ENGAGED.

LONDON, Dec. 20.

Ninety detectives, most of whom are armed, are seeking for the three men and the woman who fatally shot three policemen who were endeavouring to effect their capture in a jeweller's shop in Houndsditch.

The detectives are watching all railway stations and wharfs.

In a house near Grove-street 500 cartridges for a Browning pistol were found.

## AUSTRIAN MEAT IMPORTS.

### PROTESTS IN HUNGARY.

VIENNA, Dec. 21.

The permission for the importation of Argentine meat into Austria has aroused some feeling in Hungary. A strong protest was made in the Hungarian Chamber of Deputies yesterday against the importation, and it was suggested that Austrian products should be penalised by Hungary if the protest was ignored.

M. de Hieronymi, the Minister for Commerce, admitted that the importation of meat into Austria should not be permitted to any considerable extent, but Hungary should give her consent for Austria to import a modified quantity.

The Austrian Reichsrath at the commencement of the month, by 223 votes to 206, passed a motion in favour of the unrestricted entry of meat from overseas. In the course of debate the fact was revealed that the Austrian Government was bound by a secret agreement not to permit the importation of meat without the consent of Hungary. Austria is of the opinion that Hungary has sanctioned the importation of 10,000 tons of Argentine meat. Hungary denies this, and says that she agreed to the importation of only 2000 tons. It is doubtful whether Parliament's decision will result in meat being imported.

## SMUGGLING CHINESE.

### DISCOVERIES AT VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 21.

At the inquiry into the smuggling of Chinese into the Dominion, the evidence disclosed that as many as 60 stowaways had been found hidden in caverns formed in the coal bunkers of Oriental liners.

A watchman at Vancouver was "doped" by Chinese so that the stowaways might land. Sailors acted in collusion with the Chinese. The watchmen were appointed according to a patronage list kept by the Dominion Government at Ottawa.

## AMERICAN RAILWAYS.

### CRITICAL SITUATION IN CHICAGO.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 21.

The situation on Chicago railways and on the railways west of the city is strained, and a rupture is feared. The efforts of the arbitrators in the dispute with the engineemen to effect a settlement are of no avail, as they find it impossible to secure concessions from the companies concerned.

Sixty railways are affected.

## MR. ROCKEFELLER'S GIFTS.

### SEVEN MILLIONS TO A UNIVERSITY.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 21.

Mr. J. D. Rockefeller, the American multi-millionaire, has given £2,000,000 to the University of Chicago, and in making the gift he declared that the institution ought to be controlled by the people. The total gifts of Mr. Rockefeller to this University amount to £7,000,000.

## GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

LONDON, Dec. 21.

Argentine is placing £4,000,000 of 4½ per cent. Treasury bills in London, Paris, and Berlin.

Nelson, who is receiving 2750, is playing Gray 8000 up at Edinburgh. Nelson at the close of play yesterday was 3816, and Gray 2183.

The estate of the late Sir Harry Rawson, formerly Governor of New South Wales, has been valued at £16,137.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 21.

Dr. Cook, of "North Pole" fame, is expected in New York aboard the steamer George Washington on Thursday.

The bodies of three miners have been found in the Leyden mine, Denver, Colorado, where an explosion occurred, entombing ten men. Search is proceeding for two other miners, who may have escaped to the inner workings, and who may be alive.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company has ordered 7,000,000 dollars' (£1,400,000) worth of equipment, for delivery next summer.

## ESPIONAGE IN GERMANY.

### BRITISH OFFICERS ON TRIAL.

### INTENSE INTEREST MANIFESTED.

BERLIN, Dec. 21.

The trial of Brandon and Trench, who are said to be British officers, the one a lieutenant in the Hydrographic Department, and the other a captain in the Royal Marines, will begin before the Supreme Court of the German Empire at Leipzig to-day on charges of espionage.

Public interest in Germany centres in the trial. A large number of British journalists have arrived to report the proceedings.

Lengthy particulars of the supposed discoveries made at the lodgings of Brandon and Trench on their arrest at Borkum in August last have already been published in these columns. The German newspapers continue to print stories of fresh discoveries. According to the "Tagliche Rundschau," the prisoners now admit that they are officers, but refuse to make further admissions, although the documents found at Emden render this avowal superfluous. The charge against the prisoners is that of espionage while in the service of a foreign Power.

The correspondent of the "Vossische Zeitung" writes that the papers seized at the hotel at Emden contain exact plans of the North Sea and Kiel Canal fortifications, including the position of buoys, etc, which are known only to pilots, as well as some strategic calculations, proving that the prisoners must have had military training.

## THE WARATAH INQUIRY.

### OWNER'S EVIDENCE CONTINUED.

### STATEMENTS BY PASSENGERS.

LONDON, Dec. 20.

At the Board of Trade inquiry to-day into the loss of the Waratah, Mr. F. W. Lund, a member of the firm of William Lund and Sons, owners of the Waratah, was cross-examined.

The witness stated that Captain Ibery, master of the Waratah, had never seriously complained that the Waratah was less stable than the Geelong.

Counsel: Then your letters to the builders were "bluff" in order to press forward a demurrage settlement?

Witness replied that they were not serious letters. He added that the gravity of the disaster had greatly affected his father's health.

Five passengers who had made a voyage by the Waratah testified that they had been alarmed by the top-heaviness of the vessel, and had discussed the matter with the officers.

Another passenger said that he had never sailed in a safer vessel.

The inquiry was adjourned until January 9.

## COLLIERY DISASTER.

### 290 MEN ENTOMBED.

LONDON, Dec. 21, 10.35 a.m.

An explosion took place in the Hueton colliery at Bolton, Lancashire, yesterday. Following the explosion the cages became jammed, and the ventilation was seriously interfered with.

Two hundred and ninety miners are entombed. Only one individual, a boy, has escaped so far.

## BUFFALO GAS EXPLOSION.

### A DEFECTIVE VALVE.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 21.

An explosion of gas occurred at Buffalo, New York, similar to that which did such extensive damage on the Central Railroad Company's works at New York City. At Buffalo the windows of a railway car were shattered, and the passengers were slightly injured. The damage, however, is not serious. It is supposed that the gas escaped through a defective valve in the station yard.

## THE GERMAN CROWN PRINCE.

### COMMANDS 1. DIAN REGIMENT.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 21.

The German Crown Prince, now at Hairdarabad, witnessed a magnificent review of The British and Indian troops whose headquarters are at Secunderabad.

His Royal Highness then commanded the 33rd Queen's Own Light Cavalry, composed of Sikhs, Jats, Kaimkhanis, and Mussulman Rajputs. He manoeuvred the regiment brilliantly.

## SOUTH AFRICAN POLL TAXES.

CAPETOWN, Dec. 21.

General Botha, the Prime Minister, announced yesterday in the House of Assembly that the Natal poll tax on natives would continue, and that the poll tax on Europeans would be repealed, and another tax substituted, operating throughout the Union.

## DEATH OF MRS. HIGINBOTHAM.

LONDON, Dec. 21.

The death is announced of Mrs. George Higinbotham, widow of the late Chief Justice of Victoria.

Mrs. Higinbotham, widow of the late Chief Justice Higinbotham, left Melbourne shortly after her husband's death in 1892, and since then she has resided in London with her son-in-law, Commander Lyon, of the Royal Naval Reserve, who is one of the assessors in the Waratah inquiry. There were five children who reached adult age, the sons being George, who died in Africa, and Edward, who is now in Burmah. Three daughters were the late Mrs. Morris, wife of the late Professor Morris; Mrs. Lyon, of London; and Mrs. Reade, of London. Mrs. Higinbotham was married to the late Chief Justice Higinbotham in 1854 at Christchurch, St. Kilda. She was about 75 years of age.

## A WOMAN SHOT.

### JAPANESE COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

PERTH, Wednesday.

The inquest on Marguerite Defour, who was shot by the Japanese Seto at a house known as San Toy in Perth on December 8, was concluded to-day. Seto, who had been on friendly terms with deceased at Coolgardie, was committed for trial for wilful murder. Evidence was given that Seto had offered to redeem Defour's jewellery from pawn if she would return with him to Coolgardie. After she had refused to enter a cab which he sent to convey her to the station, Seto bought a revolver and cartridges, and went to San Toy. There he purchased liquor for Defour and tried to persuade her to return to Coolgardie. She refused to do so, and Seto, who had drunk two glasses of beer, shot her.

The constable who arrested Seto stated in evidence that accused said "She's dead. I shot her through the heart. I shot her twice. Sorry I did not shoot myself. I am sorry for her now. Give me a kiss, Suc. Won't you kiss me?"

Seto, who has recovered from the self-inflicted bullet wound in his head, but is suffering from nervous prostration, will be tried before the Chief Justice at a special sitting of the Criminal Court, when Alfred William Smart will also probably stand his trial for the murder of Ethel Harris.

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## HUETON DISASTER.

### SOME RESCUED.

### GREAT LOSS OF LIFE FEARED.

LONDON, Dec. 21, 1.35 p.m.

From the Hueton pit, Bolton, where an explosion entombed 290 men, seven men have been rescued and several bodies have been recovered.

A fire is raging in the mine, and it is feared that few will be saved.

## ESPIONAGE TRIAL.

### ADMISSION OF THE ACCUSED.

LONDON, Dec. 21, 12.15 p.m.

At the trial at Leipzig to-day of Brandon and Trench, charged with espionage, the accused admitted visiting German naval stations and collecting information for a person connected with the intelligence bureau of the Admiralty.

## A BOARD'S PERQUISITES.

### TRAVELLING FARES AND CLOTHING.

### FIRE BRIGADES AND THE ELECTIONS.

A long series of questions having relation to the Fire Brigades Board and Parliamentary election day was asked by Mr. Morrish in the Legislative Assembly last evening.

The Chief Secretary, in reply, said the contribution by the Government to the Fire Brigades Board for the metropolitan district in 1909 was £19,100. The contribution to the Board of Fire Commissioners of New South Wales for the current year in respect of all the fire districts in the State amounted to £28,182 18s 11d. In addition, there was an advance of £13,817 1s 1d, which the board had to repay. Men and appliances of the brigade were employed during the recent Parliamentary election in the St. George electorate in bringing electors to the polling booths on polling day. This was done on the authority of the president of the Board of Fire Commissioners. The men left the station at 7.42 a.m., and returned at 12.4 a.m. They were not given an opportunity of recording their votes in their own electorates. The member for St. George (Mr. Taylor) was a member of the Board of Fire Commissioners. A sum of £12 12s was paid for the use of the brigades' cars, and was placed in a fire commissioner's trust account. An official report had been made to the effect that a member of the Fire Brigades Board charged the board for railway fares when travelling as a member of the board, while at the same time holding a Parliamentary railway pass.

To a further question, "Have members of the board obtained private suits of clothing, and have the same been paid for as uniform clothing out of fire brigade revenue?" the Chief Secretary replied, "I understand there is one such case. I have received an official report on these and other matters, and have taken immediate steps to have a full and searching judicial investigation made."

## THE CLIFFS FATALITY.

### CAPTAIN HARRIS' TRAGIC DEATH.

### A DISTINGUISHED CAREER.

Mr. Stephen Murphy conducted an inquiry yesterday into the circumstances attending the death of Captain John Harris, late of the Inniskilling Dragoons, whose body was recovered from the water at the foot of the cliffs at South Head on Saturday afternoon last.

Alfred Gibson, signalmaster at South Head, said on Saturday last, shortly after 11 o'clock, he noticed a man sitting about 10 or 12 feet from the edge of the cliffs. He noticed him get up, and leaving his cane behind, walk to another ledge of rock a little lower down. His attention was then drawn to the harbour. On looking round witness saw his nephew waving a hat from the spot where he had noticed the man sitting. On going up and looking over the cliffs he saw the body floating in the water, about 280ft below. Witness communicated with the pilot steamer Captain Cook, which steamed to the spot, and recovered the body.

Dr. William Henry Harris, brother of the deceased, said that his brother had been injured in the head while serving with his regiment in South Africa. He also fell a victim to an attack of malaria fever, and as a result, was, at times, attacked by fits of dizziness. It was a usual custom of his brother's to go down to South Head on a Saturday to watch the yacht races. Witness had never heard him express any intention of taking his life, and he had no worry of any description. The medical evidence showed that death was due to shock, through falling into the water from a great height.

A verdict of accidental death was recorded.

Captain Harris, who was the fourth son of Sir Matthew Harris, was born on February 5, 1874, and during his 36 years enjoyed a strenuous and distinguished career. While attending the Sydney University in 1894 he was recommended by the Senate for a commission in the Imperial Army. He was appointed second lieutenant in the King's Own Royal Lancashire Regiment, and subsequently was transferred to the 6th Inniskilling Dragoons. He landed in South Africa at the beginning of hostilities, and served with General French's division throughout the campaign. He received the Royal Humane Society's medal for endeavouring to save the life of Lieutenant Dent at Orange River. A medal with five bars, Belfast, Colesburg, Johannesburg, Orange Free State, and Cape Colony, and the late King Edward VII. medal. He was wounded at Lake Chrissie, and was invalided home. He was appointed A.D.C. to Major-General French, Commandant of the Australian Forces, on the inauguration of the Commonwealth.

## THE GOLDEN WEST.

### MORE RICH FINDS.

### ALMOST SOLID GOLD.

PERTH, Wednesday.

A very rich strike has been made at John's and Salter's Lucky Call claim, Norseman. In the bottom level at 150 feet exceedingly rich gold was struck in quartz and lode matter alongside the reef. Specimens brought into Norseman by Johns were almost solid gold. In the winze below the level sensational values are showing.

Keen interest is felt at Lawlers in the reported find of gold-bearing reefs in the vicinity of Walton's Reward, on the old road from Lawlers to Wiluna, about ten miles east of the Springs. Many leases have been pegged. Specimens taken into Wiluna show exceptionally high values. It is reported that the ore bodies are of great width and length. Many parties are now on the road to the find from Lawlers and Wiluna.

### THE CHAFFINCH MINE.

The Minister for Mines to-day received the following telegram from Inspector Crabbe, in charge of the Yilgarn district:—"I have made careful inquiries in company with Detective Sergeant Mann regarding the Chaffinch mine, and have reason to believe that a phenomenally rich gold-bearing vein, as reported by Mr. Arthur, existed. The adjoining vein has been sampled by Mr. Grut. Little or no development has been done below the reported phenomenal enrichment. Only further development will prove the continuation, if any, of the reported rich vein."

## FRENCH CRUISER COMING.

### VISIT OF ADMIRAL DE CASTRIES.

The news reached Sydney yesterday that the French armoured cruiser Montcalm, of 9367 tons displacement, will shortly pay a visit to this port.

Admiral de la Croix de Castries, who is in command, expects to arrive at Sydney from Noumea on January 8, and will remain here for 16 days. The Montcalm, according to present arrangements, will take her departure on January 24, and will pay visits to Melbourne and Fremantle.

The Montcalm is the largest French warship that has ever visited New Caledonia. She was built at La Seyne in 1902, at a cost of £302,808, and is capable of steaming at a speed of 21 knots. Her armament consists of two 7.6in, eight 6.4, and 26 smaller guns, and two torpedo tubes. The cruiser carries 612 hands all told.

## THE PRAHRAN TRAGEDY.

### INQUEST ON MRS. MOODIE.

### AN ANALYST'S EVIDENCE.

### DAUGHTER COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Intense public interest was taken to-day in the proceedings at the inquest concerning the deaths of Mrs. Elizabeth Moodie and her daughters, Annie and Alma, at Prahran.

Mrs. Moodie died at her residence, Porter-street, Prahran, on November 23. Annie, aged 26 years, and Alma, aged 20 years, died on November 17 and 19 respectively, in the house which they occupied in Commercial-road, South Yarra, where they carried on a white workers' business, with a third sister, Olive Amelia Moodie. It was supposed that the deaths of the two girls had resulted from ptomaine poisoning, and a verdict to that effect was returned at the magisterial investigation. When Mrs. Moodie died traces of arsenic were found in her stomach. The bodies of Annie and Alma were subsequently exhumed. Olive Moodie, the elder sister, was then arrested on a charge of murder. She was in court in custody, dressed in heavy mourning. She sat with bowed head, and her face covered with her handkerchief, sobbing during the greater part of the time occupied by the Court. Mr. Leon appeared for the Crown, and Mr. Detridge watched the proceedings for Olive Moodie.

Charles August Altmann, medical practitioner, stated that he attended Mrs. Moodie up till the date of her death. When the subject of her illness was discussed Olive said that she thought that the ice-cream that her mother had eaten on November 10 was the cause of it. Mrs. Moodie stated that she had taken so little that she did not think it could have affected her. Constable Rose and Olive Moodie were present when he recommended that certain stuff should be submitted for analytical examination. He suggested to Constable Rose and Olive Moodie his suspicions of poisoning.

Elizabeth Beattie, dressmaker, stated that she went with Olive Moodie on November 16 to a chemist's shop in Chapel-street, Prahran, to obtain arsenic. Miss Moodie said she wanted arsenic to poison rats, and asked for a shilling's worth. She also mentioned that she wanted two teaspoonfuls. The chemist said that sixpenny worth would do. Olive Moodie bought threepenny worth of arsenic to mix with the arsenic.

Charles A. Price, Chief Deputy Government Analyst, stated that he made an analysis of the contents of the intestines of Mrs. Moodie. His tests yielded nearly one grain of arsenious oxide. He examined portions of the intestines of Annie and Alma Moodie. His analysis showed nearly 12 grain of arsenious oxide in the parts taken from Annie Moodie, and nearly 2-10ths of a grain in those taken from Alma Moodie. In an 8oz bottle, which contained 2oz of slightly opaque fluid, he found over 9-10ths of a grain of arsenious oxide.

Detective Coonan said that on November 26 Olive Moodie called on him and Detective Howard that she had arsenic on the premises occupied by her at Commercial-road. They informed her that they were going to search the house. Olive Moodie said: "Oh, I have some arsenic here. I got it for rats." She handed over a small parcel, which she obtained in the shop. Olive Moodie subsequently made a statement that on November 12 her mother and sisters partook of cucumbers and ice-cream, and complained of feeling unwell afterwards. On November 16 she placed some arsenic that she had purchased in a cup with some flour and water to make paste. She spread the paste on a piece of bread and put it near a rathole in the kitchen. The cup was thoroughly washed by her afterwards. The bread and arsenic had disappeared by next morning. She had never given her sisters medicine out of cups that had contained arsenic.

Cecil Tucker, medical practitioner, said that he attended Alma and Annie on November 17. The condition of neither was alarming. Olive Moodie told him that the girls thought they had been poisoned, and she asked him to assure them that such was not the case. When he saw Annie she said she thought she had been poisoned. He said "What nonsense. Who would have poisoned you?" When he called later Annie was worse. He advised her removal to the hospital, but Olive would not let them go. Annie died an hour later, and Alma, becoming very bad, was sent to the hospital. On all his visits Olive seemed very anxious about her sisters.

Several witnesses gave evidence as to Olive Moodie's affection for her mother and sisters.

Jessie Rowe, married woman, stated that early in November, Olive Moodie said she wanted some arsenic to destroy rats. Witness's father got a packet of arsenic and gave it to Olive. There was quite half a tablespoonful of arsenic in the packet. In handing it to Olive witness advised her to be careful, and said jokingly, "There is enough to kill many people there."

The coroner said that it was clear that the three women were poisoned by arsenic, and that Olive Moodie was in constant attendance on her mother and her sister Annie. Olive Moodie had had ample time to administer arsenic to her mother and sisters if she desired to do it. It rested with her to place the matter in some more favourable light for herself. She would have to take her trial for the murder of her mother and two sisters. Bail was allowed, in two sureties of £500 each, or £1000 in all.

Accused wept bitterly on hearing the finding.

## DISCOURAGED INVENTORS.

### A PIGEON-HOLED REPORT.

### BOARD OF INQUIRY RECOMMENDED.

The Minister for Works (Mr. Griffith), a few days ago, stated that there had been too much departmental indifference to new inventions.

The matter of inventions was incidentally touched upon in the report of a select committee on December 3, 1908, to the Legislative Council. The committee, of which Dr. Creed was chairman, was really appointed to inquire into the dangers of fire and means of prevention in Sydney. But it went beyond its strict province, and recommended the appointment of some authoritative board, to which any inventor could apply, and demand, on paying the cost, a public inquiry and report in respect of his invention. It was held that in this way the country would be put to no expense, and that every inventor would have the merits of his invention placed on a sound basis. In the case of an impecunious inventor it was suggested that there might be a preliminary inquiry, and that, if the result justified it, the Government might direct a full inquiry to be made at its own expense.

A paragraph of the report read: "Incidentally your committee suggests that the duty imposed upon such board might well go beyond promoting safety from fire, and deal with such subjects as transport, the testing of inventions of moment to the community . . . and other matters now dealt with by the department whose responsibility is involved."

Several inventions were brought before the committee, and it was stated that the authorities in the Government service had given no encouragement to the inventors; that they did not even make any inquiries. One was an invention by Dr. Hardy, D.Sc., for the prevention of fire, and the committee reported concerning it as follows:—"There appears to be every probability that any steamer properly fitted for its use, . . . could rapidly extinguish any outbreak of fire."

Another invention brought before the committee was a fire escape constructed by a Mr. Proudfoot. In respect of this the committee reported that it witnessed the descent of a girl of 9 and a boy of 6, who let themselves down 60 feet without the slightest damage or risk.

The report of this select committee still lies snug in the pigeon-holes of officialdom.

## PERTH MURDER.

### A CHAIN OF EVIDENCE.

### FATAL IRON BAR.

PERTH, Wednesday.

The detectives are confident that they will be able to call sufficient evidence to prove beyond doubt that the remains found buried under the smithy at Hoskins' foundry were those of the unfortunate young woman Ethel Harris. In addition to this, they have secured evidence which they declare will establish that the clothing taken from the trenches at North Perth Sanitary Depot some weeks ago were her property. Different witnesses have identified several articles of clothing which were unearthed at the depot, as well as some of the clothing and jewellery found on the remains.

Alfred Wilson Smart, who is charged with having murdered Ethel Harris, intends to request the Crown to appoint counsel to represent him at the inquest. When the remains of the murdered woman were unearthed beneath the smithy floor on Friday Constable Ebbeson found near the body a bar of iron, which it is thought was possibly used to smash in the victim's skull. It is about 18in long, an inch wide, and about a quarter of an inch thick. The bar, which is very rusted at one end, has been handed to the Acting Government Bacteriologist for examination.

## FORCING ARBITRATION.

### LABOUR GOVERNMENT MOVES.

### NOTICES ISSUED TO TRANSPORT WORKERS.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

The most important development in the drivers' strike to-day was the following statement by the Attorney-General (Mr. Denny):—"I have been asked by the Cabinet to furnish full details of the powers the Government have to bring the matter of the present strike before the Court of Industrial Appeals, apart from any action of the parties concerned. I went very carefully into the Act of 1907, and the amending Act of 1910, and expressed the opinion that under section 22 of the new Act there was power for the Minister for Industry, if he was unable to obtain the required number of persons who were qualified and willing to be appointed as members of the board, to, after three months' publication of the notice of such inability, to report to the Court of Industrial Appeals that no board could be appointed. I also ascertained that in June last the master carriers were invited to send in their full names and addresses and occupations for the purpose of nomination as representatives of the employers on the board. They failed to do so, and the Minister for Industry, in a notice published in the "Government Gazette," fixed the date for such particulars to be forwarded. No response was made for a period of considerably over three months, and in these circumstances the new Act provides that (a) "The Minister can report to the Court of Industrial Appeals that a board could not be appointed; (b) upon receiving such report from the Minister the Court, according to the nature of the case, can exercise and discharge the powers and duties that the board would have exercised and discharged had it been appointed." The opinion has been considered by the Ministry, and it was decided to take a determined attitude to force both parties to come within the jurisdiction of the Court of Industrial Appeals. The Government are determined to force the matter into the Court altogether apart from the wishes of either party, as they feel that the continued interference with business and the failure of parties to come to an agreement are disastrous, and should be put a stop to in the interests of the public. Judge Honburg has issued notices for representatives of both parties to attend the Supreme Court on Thursday morning to consider the methods of conducting the case, and his Honor will, if possible, proceed immediately with the work necessary to make a determination having the effect of law. In default of nomination by the respective parties the Judge will consider the matter himself, and act under the provision of the statute, without the assistance of assessors. I think we may safely say that the beginning of the end of the unfortunate strike is in view."

## PARLIAMENTARY SCENE.

### APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN.

### REFERENCE BY MR. MEAGHER.

When the Legislative Assembly met yesterday afternoon Mr. Meagher (the recently appointed chairman of committees), desired, as a matter of privilege, to refer to a newspaper report of a speech made by the member for Waverley. That gentleman was reported to have said, "I understand the Government of the day decided that Mr. Meagher should be the chairman, and that the party decided in favour of Mr. Scobie—who would have been a better man. But an influential and powerful body stepped in and said, 'Mr. Meagher is to be chairman.' So another caucus was held—"

Mr. Wade rose to a point of order. Was this a question of privilege? Mr. Meagher was taking exception to a newspaper report dealing with the party system.

The Speaker: I have not yet heard it. Is the hon. member stating that he has been wrongly reported?

Mr. Meagher: This, Mr. Speaker, is a record that an officer of this House has been elected in a certain way, and I desire to refer to it.

Mr. Wade: That makes it perfectly clear that it cannot be dealt with as a personal explanation. Mr. Meagher has not been wrongly reported.

The Speaker: The method adopted in reference to the election cannot be a matter of personal explanation.

Mr. Meagher: I desire to say there is no truth whatever—

Mr. Wade: I rise to order. (Uproar.) The hon. member is bound to obey your ruling, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Kelly: You are frightened. You know it is not a fact.

The Speaker said Mr. Meagher must obey his ruling.

Mr. Meagher: The point, Mr. Speaker, I desire to put to you is this: An officer of this House is alleged by a member of this House—

Mr. Wade rose to another point of order, amid uproar and Ministerial cries of "Sit down."

Mr. Kelly: You are only a £300-a-year member, the same as ourselves. That is all you will ever be.

Mr. Meagher: An officer of this House, Mr. Speaker, is alleged—

Mr. Wade again rose to a point of order.

Mr. Meagher (to Mr. Wade): You are not the Speaker, and you are not the Premier. The position is, Mr. Speaker, that an officer of this House has been attacked by a member of this House in regard to an absolute fabrication of facts—

Mr. Cohen: I rise to order. (Uproar from the Government side of

Mr. Taylor, whom he knew well in municipal life, pointed out the strong political stand he had taken against Mr. M'Court, and that there would be strong opposition to his being appointed coroner from Mr. M'Court, and asked him (Mr. Meagher) would he recommend him, he said that he would; and he would do the same to-morrow for a man of similar character. He knew nothing of Mr. M'Neill's connection with the matter.

MR. M'NEILL'S SPEECH.

Mr. M'NEILL said: "Let me tell Mr. M'Court, the House, and the country this, when he stated in his remarks that I was in the hands of Taylor, the moneylender, I used an expression which I was compelled to withdraw, and I told him I was never in the hands of Taylor, the moneylender. I say it is very unfair of him to make this statement. He is not prepared to go outside the House and make the same statement." Did not Mr. M'Court recommend Mr. Taylor as a member of the Public School Board?

Mr. M'COURT: I do not think so.

Mr. M'NEILL: Will you deny "

Mr. M'Court: That is 20 years ago. (Ministerial laughter.)

Mr. M'NEILL: Did you not recommend him for a position as member of the Public Park Trust?

Mr. M'COURT: That is the kind of thing a member sends on from a public meeting. (Ministerial laughter.)

Mr. M'NEILL: Do you deny that you recommended him for a position on the Public School Board and on the Public Park Trusts?

Mr. M'COURT: They are small appointments. (Ministerial laughter.)

Mr. M'NEILL: What is the difference between him now and when you recommended him 20 years ago? Probably it is all a little family squabble, and a little sore head when it is all said and done. I am accused by Mr. M'Court of being in the hands of Taylor. I wish to give the lie direct in his teeth.

Mr. WADE: Do you know Taylor?

Mr. M'NEILL: Yes long before I entered Parliament.

Mr. WADE: Who put you in motion to see Mr. Holman?

Mr. BLACK (stepping forward between Mr. Wade and Mr. M'Neill): Is the hon. member, Mr. Speaker, in the witness-box?

Mr. M'NEILL went on to saw that he knew Mr. Taylor privately, and he and his family were on terms of intimacy with the Taylor household. He did not owe Taylor any money, and it was a dirty, nasty insult to say that he did. As a friend, he had done all he possibly could to get him the appointment. Mr. M'Court did all he possibly could on the other side.

Mr. M'COURT: I did not.

Mr. M'NEILL: I know you did.

Mr. M'COURT: I saw the Under-Secretary once about it.

Mr. M'NEILL, in conclusion, said that it was not usual to refer appointments to the local member, and said that none of his nominees for the positions of justice of the peace had been appointed, others being appointed over his head by Mr. Wood, when Chief Secretary.

MR. WADE'S CRITICISM.

Mr. WADE said that it was apparent from the papers that once again the Attorney-General had departed from a well-established practice of his department, which, if followed, would have protected the department and himself from any kind of attack, and, if comments were levelled against him and suspicion cast at his actions, he had only himself to blame for it. He could have had the shield of the report of an independent officer, the police magistrate for the district. Mr. Badgery made an application in writing for the position, which was the usual way to apply, and he referred the Attorney-General to Mr. M'Court. The rival applications were left till after the elections to be dealt with, and the present Government came into office on October 22. Two or three days after, Mr. Meagher appeared upon the scene, and urged the recommendation of an individual who for two months had never made any pretence of applying for the position. The time-honoured practice was to act on the report of the police magistrate, and Mr. Galbraith here recommended the appointment of Mr. Badgery. Under circumstances of the favourable report of the police magistrate, and the absence of other extenuating circumstances, the Minister's course was to follow that recommendation. Why was the recommendation ignored in favour of a man who was a strong partisan and a follower of his Government?

A Member: Mr. Badgery was a follower of your Government.

Mr. WADE: Yes; and a wise Government, or Ministers would in such a case say: "We will leave this to a man of judicial mind, removed from party politics." (Cheers.) But the Minister ignored the recommendation of his own officer, put on one side this long-established practice, and allowed himself to consider outside influences. In fairness it was to be assumed from the papers that both were men of character, but as to fitness the police magistrate recommended Mr. Badgery. It was a question to ask, what put Mr. M'Neill into motion in this matter?

Mr. M'NEILL: I will tell you. It was my friendship.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL: Do you say a Minister is wrong because he has the courage to override a departmental report?

Mr. WADE: Why did you ask for the report?

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL: I asked as to his character, and found he had a very excellent character.

Mr. WADE said that Ministers who had overridden departmental reports had before to-day been called to the bar of justice, and in this case the overriding was contemporaneous with the appearance on the scene of the Minister's supporter. The public would expect to know about these suspicious circumstances, and why there had been a departure from the straightforward rule and straightforward action that had for years prevailed in the Department of Justice. It was another case of spoils to the victors.

The MINISTER FOR WORKS said Mr. Wade's contention was that the Attorney-General did wrong in refusing to turn himself into a rubber stamp. Both men were men of character. The papers showed that Mr. Badgery knew the district, but surely he could not know it better than a man who had lived there for 30 years, had been an alderman, and was at present the president of the shire council. As to Mr. Taylor's fitness, it was also shown he was a trustee of two of the most carefully conducted friendly societies in the world. There had been no extraordinary expedition in the appointment, though there had been no unreasonable delay.

Mr. PERRY said that after all the peculiar things that were being done by the Justice Department there should be a commission of inquiry, not into the Police Department, but into the administration of the Department of Justice. (Opposition cheers.)

Mr. LEVY said there was something behind this matter that wanted sifting. A report was asked for, and received, that report was overridden, and a gentleman who had never made any written application was appointed. Perhaps the gentleman appointed could not write.

Mr. M'NEILL: Here is a letter written by him. (A letter was handed to Mr. Levy.)

Mr. LEVY: This is absolutely the best evidence I could put before this House (reading). He spells billet "billit." (Loud laughter.) At the very least the Attorney-General had been guilty of gross discourtesy to the member for the district. The Minister had seen fit to suggest that in overriding a departmental report he showed himself possessed of courage. It would have been a better evidence of courage if, when Mr. Meagher and Mr. M'Neill spoke in Mr. Taylor's interests, the Attorney-General had told them that the police magistrate had recommended somebody else, and that he intended to stand by that recommendation. The appointment was one of a number of acts on the part of the present Attorney-General that excited suspicion outside, and called for the fullest investigation.

Mr. GRAHAME moved, amid cries of protest from the Opposition benches, that the question be put. This was carried by 38 to 33. Mr. M'Neill and Mr. Hollis voted against the motion; Mr. Morton (Hastings-Macleay voted for it.

The amendment moved by Mr. M'Court was negatived by 41 to 30.

## COOMBANA OVERDUE.

FREMANTLE, Wednesday.

This afternoon the Collector of Customs received a telegram from Sharks Bay, stating that the steamer Coombana, which left Carnarvon on Tuesday night, was overdue at Sharks Bay, and that it was supposed she had gone aground on the northern end of the bar flats, about 15 miles from Denham. Advices sent to the opinion that Captain Rees was standing off owing to the lowness of the tide, and that he was awaiting a favourable opportunity to take the vessel into Sharks Bay.

## BROKEN HILL WAGES QUESTION.

AN INTERIM AGREEMENT.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

The A.M.A. delegates again met the mining manager this morning, and preferred their original claims. The managers agreed to submit certain questions to their boards. In the meantime an agreement was come to that there would be no stoppage of work, and that the miners would work on under the existing agreement until a settlement was arrived at. The unions which have accepted the company's offer will, however, receive the benefit of it from January 1.

## THE LAND TAX.

### CONFERENCE OF OFFICERS.

SETTLING THE DETAILS.

RETURNS AND PAYMENTS DATES FIXED.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

For some weeks past there has been sitting in Melbourne a conference of officers in whose hands the collection of the land tax will be left. These are the Chief Commissioner (Mr. M'Kay) and his State deputies. As a result of their deliberations, the officers have perfected a scheme on which they will work throughout the Commonwealth. Briefly put, the decisions arrived at by the conference were that forms would be issued by the end of January, and the returns are to be in by March 1. The assessment notice will be sent to taxpayers by April 21.

Referring to the work of the conference, Mr. M'Kay said the main idea of the conference was to familiarise themselves with the details of the Act; to endeavour to get to work upon system, and to devise means whereby the task of the public would be made as easy as possible. The conference at the start turned its attention to the forms to be used in conection with the returns of taxpayers. One difficulty encountered was adapting the forms to the circumstances of States whose system of territorial division varied so materially. Then, again, they had to make provision for different kinds of taxpayers, including the landholder who had so many holdings that the usual form would not accommodate the information he had to supply. Prior to the meeting of the conference, an order was placed with the Australian Paper Mills for the supply of paper on which to print the forms. This supply, it is expected, will be delivered during the next few days. Arrangements have been made with the Government Printer in Victoria to supply a stereo of the forms to the Government Printers in the other States, thus obviating the necessity of checking proofs locally. It early became apparent that forms far in excess of the number that would be actually required by ratepayers would have to be provided. The Commissioner hopes that all ratepayers will keep copies of their returns for future reference. The Postal Department has been asked to undertake the distribution of forms from the various post-offices throughout the Commonwealth, and forms will be obtainable on applications at these offices. Postmasters will not be required to tender any advice as to filling in the forms, or generally as to the interpretation of the laws. The work of distributing the forms would, it was considered, be carried out before the end of January. Accompanying each form will be a sheet of instructions setting forth the requirements of the law, and giving general instructions as to the method employed in calculating the tax.

"The conference spent a lot of time," continued Mr. M'Kay, "in endeavouring to make a very intricate matter as clear as possible to the taxpayer. We have to have in view the taxpayer, and indicated the cases where he has to furnish a return and the exemption to which each class is entitled. We have also in the form of a calculation indicated how the tax is to be arrived at in these particular cases. In a further effort to help the taxpayer, the services of the Commonwealth Statistician (Mr. Knibbs) has been requisitioned to prepare a set of tables from which at a glance the amount of tax to be paid can be ascertained when the unimproved value of land is known. We hope to make this available to the taxpayer before the day on which the returns will have to be made. Mr. Knibbs has been asked to advise as to the preparation of tables for the computation of the value of annuities and leaseholds, the use of which will become necessary when the interests of primary and secondary taxpayers will have to be apportioned.

"Taxpayers will be required to make their returns so that they will reach the office of the deputy commissioners in the States or the central office, as the case may be, on or before March 1. It would be well that taxpayers should set about their preliminary work of preparing valuations, so that they will be able to render their returns in time. Some of the large companies, no doubt, would have the improved value of their land on record, but it is possible that many will not know the unimproved value, on which the tax will of course be based. Taxpayers who own land in more than one State will be informed that their returns should be sent direct to the Commissioner's office in Melbourne. Only one exemption of £5000 is allowed from the aggregate unimproved values, and consequently only a central office can conveniently bring the values of lands in different States together. The machinery for dealing with the returns on receipt has been carefully designed. It is intended to use the card system of index in connection with the returns. When the returns are numbered and the index has been prepared they will be sent to a staff of examining officers or assessors, who will read from particulars extracted by these examiners a staff of assessment writers will carry out the formal work of preparing the assessment notices for the taxpayers. We expect these notices to be issued to taxpayers not later than April 21, which will allow one month's notice being given, and one month's grace allowed in which the tax must be paid before the penalty provision comes into operation. Then, so far as the payment of the tax is concerned, it is intended to require taxpayers to pay or remit it to the deputy commissioner or to the commissioner. In the case such as that already mentioned, where land is held in more than one State, the majority of the taxpayers will be large property owners, and it is thought that no difference will be entailed in requiring them to forward their payments. A system of local collection would add to the labours of local officers, and the financial arrangement would not be so simple as under the system proposed. In South Australia and New South Wales, where a land tax is in operation, payments have to be made at the head office, and no friction has arisen.

"The conference carefully considered the code of regulations submitted to it, and this code, as revised, is in the hands of the printer, and will shortly be remitted to the Attorney-General's Department. The main form of the return and tables for calculation of values will form a part of the regulations.

"We have selected offices for the Chief Commissioner and the Victorian Deputy-Commissioner at the Rialto. Those offices will probably be ready for occupation in next week. We have already arranged to secure premises in Western Australia and in all the other States negotiations are in progress. I am about to ask the Public Service Commissioner to create a number of positions, which will be necessary before the organisation can be brought into effect. It is not intended at the outset to establish any extensive organisation, as it will not be until the receipt of returns that we shall be able to determine how many officers will be required to handle them. The assessing or valuing staff will probably not be required until April or May of next year."

## STORM AT MACKSVILLE.

WIDESPREAD DESTRUCTION.

MACKSVILLE, Wednesday.

On Sunday afternoon, between 5 and 6 o'clock, a fierce hurricane, accompanied by heavy rain and large hail, passed over the district. Trees were blown down in all directions and telegraph wires interrupted. All wires from this place are being despatched to Macksville by telegraph messengers. The storm was fearfully destructive to maize crops at Taylor's Arm and a few in this district. Mr. Jacob Channels, a farmer near Bowraville, suffered damage to the extent of £100.

## QUEANBEYAN'S AMBITION.

MAY GO OVER TO THE FEDERATION.

QUEANBEYAN, Wednesday.

A conference between the shire councillors and aldermen took place on Wednesday to consider the advisability of Queanbeyan being included in the Federal territory. It was resolved to write to the Federal member, asking him to make inquiries as to what effect it would have on the business people and owners of land and property if Queanbeyan were included in the Federal capital area.

THE PILL HABIT.

Sir,—Interested, jaundiced-eyed people denounce the taking of pills; they say it is only a "habit."

Personally, whenever I feel my liver a wee bit sluggish, and wants attention, I take two or three of "Fisher's Beauty Pills for the Liver," and the result is beautiful and most beneficial, ensuring sound sleep and perfect ease. There are cause and effect in the most natural manner for only 1/ per bottle. When I go into a chemist's shop or a grocer's store, I simply ask for a bottle of Fisher's Liver Pills, and will take nothing else, so sure am I that they are the most comfortable and effective Pills known. They ensure constant good health and a great old age. Why do millions of people all over the world take pills? Because they hurt? Certainly not! And to take away pills from the masses—pills which prevent disease and save doctor's bills, would be a criminal deed.—Yours, etc.,

Humanitarian.—Advt.

## CHRISTMAS CHEER.

### DISTRIBUTION OF GIFTS.

SANTA CLAUS AND THE CHILDREN.

It is gratifying to know now that the Christmas season has again come round that there are not a great many real cases of poverty and distress at the present time, thanks to the wave of prosperity we have been passing through. "There is not such acute poverty this year as has sometimes been the case," said the Rev. E. Moore, of the Sydney City Mission, to a "Herald" reporter yesterday; "but there are always people who seem to fall out with fortune, no matter how prosperous times may be, we will always have a certain number of poor people who, through misfortune and various causes, need some help from Christian charity."

THE CITY MISSION.

The Sydney City Mission is this Christmas distributing 1600 orders for meat and groceries, each one representing an expenditure of 5s. Fourteen missionaries are engaged in this work, the distribution covering not only the city proper, but also the near suburbs, such as Camperdown, Newtown, the cleve, Waterloo, Alexandria, and Paddington. There will be the usual distribution of toys at the mission halls for children, and on Friday night 2000 children will be entertained at the Christmas tree festivities in the Town Hall.

On Monday evening the Redlands College "Old Girls Club" gave a Christmas entertainment to the children in the City Mission Hall at Miller's Point. The Christmas tree, prettily decked and laden with toys, was intended to delight 100 small children, but long before it was denuded the eager entreaties of a small crowd of uninvited guests collected outside the building, overcame the guardian of the law in charge of the door, and eventually some 200 children participated in the spoils. A programme, in which the children took part, was arranged by Mr. Mathers and Mr. Hamilton, and selections were rendered by the Miller's Point branch of the City Mission Band.

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

Christmas puddings will be distributed today and to-morrow from the Benevolent Society's General Stores, Thomas-street, to the poor. In accordance with the custom of the society a parcel of groceries, bread, and meat will also be given to each family, and already systematic arrangements have been made with the authorities throughout the metropolitan area to deal with all genuine cases, besides the regular cases already on the society's books.

SALVATION ARMY.

At six o'clock this evening the Salvation Army will give a dinner to 400 men and women, and 200 children in the City Temple, Goulburn-street. To-morrow afternoon, at 2 o'clock, the Army officers will distribute 400 parcels, containing provisions, to the poor.

MR. RICKARDS' DINNER TO THE POOR.

As usual, Mr. Harry Rickards will give a dinner to the needy in the basement of the Town Hall on Christmas Day. A special matinee in aid of the dinner fund was held on Monday, and a large sum was realised. Mr. Rickards is providing for 1000 people, and the catering has been entrusted to Sargents. This will be the sixth dinner of the kind given by Mr. Rickards. Any money that may be left over after providing for the dinner will be distributed among deserving applicants.

ASHFIELD INFANTS' HOME.

The little inmates of the Infants' Home at Ashfield showed no lack of energy in their annual "Christmas tree" festivities this year as in the past, and it did not take long to despoil the tree of its "fruit." There were plenty of willing nurses for the 30 or 40 children, who for the time being left their beds and cots. Some were also inmates of the Home. Many kind friends had contributed to the tree, and every child had three or four gifts from Santa Claus. At the beginning Matron Marsten assembled her forces, which were aptly described by a lady present as like an army "in full battle array," and sang to the children sang songs of Christmas. They sang of "Twismus Bells," and implored Santa Claus to:—

Come down the chimney to-night,
Be sure that you do not forget.

And occasionally one or other would break the song by a plaintive request to the matron—"Matey, give me that big trumpet"; or "I want a bag of bollies, matey." Then the gifts were distributed, and the children spent many happy moments with imitation motor-cars and babies, ships and rattles, musical boxes and Noah's Arks, and a hundred other delightful things. Some of the kindergarten children had made gifts for the matron and staff—a tea-cosy for one, a pincushion for "my sister Rose, with Violet's love," a telephone calendar for a gentleman down south who often helps the Home, a tidy box, and other articles, all showing evidence of the children's work under gentle, expert guidance.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HOMES, GLEBE.

Mrs. Backhouse, wife of Judge Backhouse, gave her annual entertainment and supper to the 120 inmates of the Church of England Homes at the Glebe on Monday evening. The room was decorated with evergreens and flowers. The inmates thoroughly appreciated the hospitality and entertainment. Mrs. Backhouse was assisted by the members of the Melita Choir.

WAITARA FOUNDLING HOSPITAL.

The inmates of the Waitara Foundling Hospital, numbering about 110, were entertained with a Christmas tree a couple of days ago, everything possible being done to make the occasion a happy one. There was no stint of presents, the tree being laden with gifts. Numbers of toys were also given to other children living in the district. The pupils of Monte St. Angelo provided a musical programme on the lawn, and the youngsters had a merry time with the games, pony-riding, etc. Miss O'Donnell and Dr. S. C. Watkins were the organisers.

The usual distribution of gifts to the little ones sheltered in the Babies' Home, Roslyn Hall, Rockdale, will take place on Saturday afternoon.

On Saturday last a large number of little children and their parents were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Macfarlan at Heroes, Glebe Point. An excellent impersonator of Father Christmas "arrived" after tea, and added to the happiness of the young folks by the distribution of toys.

A good programme for Christmas week is being provided by the Sydney Mission to Seamen at the Rawson Institute. To-day there will be an entertainment by the ladies' committee, the next night music and competitions, and on Saturday night a Christmas tree and concert. On Christmas Day there will be services and carols. Concerts are set down for the evening of Boxing Day and the following night, and other entertainments will follow on January 2. On New Year's Eve the concert will be followed by supper and a watchnight service.

## NEW ZEALAND.

HANDLING OF MEAT IN LONDON.

WELLINGTON, Wednesday.

The report of the Canterbury Frozen Meat and Dairy Produce Export Company shows a net profit for the year of £45,863. A dividend is declared of 6 per cent on preference and 8 per cent on ordinary shares. The chairman, Sir George Clifford, said he did not credit the accuracy of the accusations of careless, and even filthy handling of carcases in London. A letter was received from a London correspondent stating that Dr. Chapple's report was being discredited in London and the Colonies.

## DISSATISFIED POSTAL OFFICERS.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN GRIEVANCES.

PERTH, Wednesday.

A crowded meeting of employees of the metropolitan postal and telegraphic staffs was held on Tuesday night to consider a number of grievances and arrange for a deputation to the Postmaster-General, who has arrived from Melbourne. The president of the Post and Telegraph Association touched upon some of the most acute grievances which affected nearly the whole of the officers in the service. Amongst these were the withholding of 5 per cent. allowances from officers in receipt of an allowance, not withstanding the fact that 5 per cent. was granted to coastal officers, owing to extra cost of living in Western Australia as compared with the eastern States, and the further fact that district allowances were only based on the difference of the cost of living as between Perth and various districts. Another vital question was the proportional grading of telegraphists and the manner in which the office of telegraphist was being gradually abolished by the appointment of officers designated assistants. Then there was absolute non-provision of an adequate relieving staff, with the result that thousands of days of leave, either for recreation, leave due or days in lieu of holidays worked were piling up, with no prospect of being worked off. The president of the association, representing various sections of the general division service, told a story of many grievances and wrongs. One speaker pointed out the pitifulness of the Minister in having to admit to a deputation in another State that he sympathised with them, but was helpless. The result of the deputation to the Minister is being awaited with intense interest.

## NEW SOUTH WALES PARLIAMENT.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The President took the chair at 4.30 p.m.

LITTLE COOGEE TRAMWAY BILL.

This bill was read the third time.

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES ACT.

A resolution was received from the Assembly amending schedule 1 of the Industrial Disputes Act by adding a number of trades thereto. The resolution was agreed to.

MURRUMBIDGEE IRRIGATION BILL.

THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, in moving the second reading of this bill, said it was very necessary that it should be passed this session. It contained no great principle, and under the peculiar circumstances he hoped the House would permit it to go through. Steps had been taken to advertise the great scheme extensively, and the work should not be retarded by delaying the passage of the bill.

Mr. ASHTON said it was exceedingly desirable that the bill should be passed into law, perhaps with some minor amendments, at the earliest possible moment. It was one which might fairly be described as urgent, as the work had reached a stage at which the Government should obtain power with regard to the irrigable areas. He thought, however, that it would hamper the working of the measure to place it in the hands of three ministers. As it would sometimes be difficult to get them together to determine matters that might arise under the Act. It would be better to leave the responsibility to one minister, who could consult his colleagues on any matters in regard to which he desired their advice and assistance. Clause 10 practically assumed that the scheme would be self-supporting in the course of years. That was an ideal state of things, which everybody would be glad to see accomplished, and it might be necessary to reduce the charges to such a point as to involve a loss. A situation might arise where it would be necessary to make the best of a bad job, and the clause would be improved if it were made a little more elastic. Then, as to clause 18, providing for interest on overdue charges, 4 per cent. interest would be no penalty at all. Speaking with some little experience as a one-time Minister for Lands, he thought that a man could run on for four years without paying rent, and the only penalty was the payment of 4 per cent. interest, he would probably finance at the expense of the Crown. 10 per cent. should be charged on all rentals overdue.

The second reading of the bill was agreed to.

In Committee, clause 6, "Power to acquire land within beneficial operation of works" was amended, so as to make the first part read, "The Governor may, under the Public Works Act, 1900, and the Acts amending the same, and the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area Resumption Act, 1910, but subject to the provisions hereinafter mentioned, from time to time purchase or resume any lands or appropriate any Crown lands not under lease or license, included within the boundaries described in schedule 1 to this Act; and such purchase, resumptions, or appropriations shall be deemed to be made for an authorised work."

Clause 18, "Interest on overdue charges," was amended by making the interest on overdue charges 10 per cent. instead of 4 per cent. The remaining clauses were passed without amendment, and the bill was read the third time.

CARRINGTON WHARFAGE BILL.

This bill was passed through all its stages without amendment.

COAL MINES REGULATION (VENTILATION) BILL.

This bill passed its second reading, and was considered in committee.

Mr. GARLAND moved an addition to clause 2 of the following proviso:—"Provided that when any mine has ceased to be in operation for one week a certificate of exemption shall be granted by the Minister." The proviso would prevent the arbitrary or imperious Minister from improperly refusing the certificate even in the case of a strike or at any other time.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL said Mr. Garland had failed to prove there had ever been the slightest bias on the part of a Minister, but the amendment would take all option out of the Minister's hands. He would resist the amendment. The mine owner should be compelled to prove that there was no danger in order to get exemption.

Mr. GARLAND said he would be willing to add any safeguard providing that the mine should be first ventilated.

The amendment was carried by 15 votes to 12.

The remaining clauses were passed.

VICTORIA AND RUSHCUTTER BAY PARKS BILL.

After some discussion as to the propriety of taking the Victoria and Rushcutter Bay parks out of the hands of trustees and placing them under the municipality of Woollahra and the City Council respectively, this bill was read its second time, on division, by 20 to 7, and passed through committee without amendment, a motion by Mr. Dangar to excise the provision with regard to Rushcutter Bay Park being rejected. The bill was then read the third time.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY DUPLICATION.

The Great Western Railway Duplication (Emu Plains to Blaxland) Bill was read the second time, and passed through its remaining stages.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House at 10.5 p.m. adjourned until 4.30 to-day.

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

The Speaker took the chair at 2.30 p.m.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS.

The PREMIER, in reply to Mr. Scobie, said the total number of tobacco licenses in force in the country and water police districts was 1707. These districts combined were practically what would be called the metropolitan area. The records did not show how many of these licenses were held by persons engaged in the fruit and soft drink trade.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL, in reply to Mr. M'Donald, said £1380 had been received this year from the Commonwealth for services rendered by police magistrates and clerks of petty session (acting respectively as board members and registrars) under the Old-age Pensions Act. The Commonwealth paid for the services of magistrates at the rate of 1s 6d for each claim dealt with. This sum had been paid over to those magistrates (eleven) whose salaries did not include pension work. Such payments would be discontinued, as salaries were readjusted. So far as the clerks of petty sessions were concerned, old-age pensions work was covered by their salaries.

The MINISTER FOR WORKS, in reply to Mr. Perry, said the limit of authorised expenditure on the Richmond River Harbour improvements had been reached. It was not considered desirable to extend the northern breakwater further, and as the southern breakwater was within 70 feet of the limit shown on Bohn Goode's plan, there was no intention to proceed further, excepting to do what was necessary for the stability of the works.

THE LATE MR. E. W. O'SULLIVAN.

The PREMIER stated that there was an item on the additional estimates for £1500 to provide an annuity for the widow of the late Mr. E. W. O'Sullivan. (Cheers.)

PUBLIC WORKS BILL.

Bills dealing with the following public works proposals were passed through all stages and sent on to the Legislative Council:—Great western railway duplication, Camden sewerage, Bathurst sewerage, Orange sewerage, Glenreagh-Dorrigo railway, and Orange Hospital for the Insane.

THE ESTIMATES.

The Estimates for the Lands Department (£366,105), and for the Works Department (£908,870), and for the Department of Public Instruction, Labour, and Industry (£1,283,569), were discussed during the closing hours of Tuesday's sitting, and passed.

The MINISTER FOR EDUCATION said that the requirements of education had outgrown the present building accommodation. He hoped on the next Estimates to have a largely increased vote provided with which to have school buildings put into proper order. He was of opinion that the expenditure on such buildings as the high schools at Maitland and Armidale had been too heavy. They were of rather too expensive a type, and he was of opinion that presentable structures containing the required accommodation could be provided at a much lower cost. The extension of fully-equipped technical schools to country centres was to be lightly entered upon, for they were expensive, and it was desirable to keep the cost within the limits of the attendance guaranteed. There were works in sight which would involve the expenditure of £153,000. The provision of a minimum wage of £110 per annum for adult male teachers and of female teachers in charge of country schools was estimated to cost £6000 per annum.

CHIEF SECRETARY, £1,040,716.

Consideration of the estimates in Committee of Supply was resumed. A vote of £1,040,716 was asked for the Chief Secretary's Department, as compared with £983,876 last year.

Mr. WADE pressed the claims of the Royal North Shore Hospital to assistance from the Government, in order that urgently needed additional accommodation might be provided. A great deal had been done locally in the raising of money for hospital purposes, and now Government help was needed to complete the good work.

Mr. COHEN complained of delay in making appointments to the offices of Inspector-General of Police, inspector of fisheries, and chief clerk in the Chief Secretary's Department. Parliament, he contended, ought not to be deprived of its right of criticism over appointments of that kind. He suggested that the distribution of the Government grant for hospitals should be entrusted to a board, with instructions to make the basis of distribution factors such as the number of beds available and used, the number of persons treated, the cost of management, and its degree of efficiency, and the amount of money raised locally.

Mr. PRICE complained that the red-tapeism in connection with the inspection of dairies was retarding settlement. He urged the importance of the Fisheries Department, and asked for special consideration for hospitals in districts where thousands of men suddenly turned up to build a railway or engage on some other public works.

Mr. DUNN pleaded for some steps to be taken to throw country hospitals open to every qualified medical man, so that patients could be attended in a hospital by their own doctors.

Mr. WILLIS said no public money should be given to an institution that was managed by a clique. At Mudgee there was more public interest in hospital matters than in the election. He would like to see the hospital grant increased all over the State. He went on to refer to the position of the Agent-General, who was receiving £1250 a year. He considered this sum totally inadequate.

Dr. ARTHUR urged the claims of the North Sydney Hospital. He suggested that the reserve north of the quarantine station at North Head should be thrown open to the public as a park. The position in connection with medical men in country hospitals was unsatisfactory, and was based on the old idea that only one doctor was available. In some towns there were several doctors practising, and they should all be placed on the staff. The Hospital Act should be amended in that regard. Positions on the honorary staff of the Coast Hospital should be thrown open to application. The United Dental Hospital was doing valuable work, and he would like to see the present vote of £100 increased to £1000. There was a necessity for more stringent regulations of motor cars and taxi-cabs to prevent accidents and loss of life.

Mr. HOLLIS drew attention to the continued neglect by the Chief Secretary's Office of the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, where the accommodation was overtaxed to a considerable extent. The condition of the stables was deplorable, there being only accommodation for 50, whereas there were 115 nurses.

Mr. FITZPATRICK asked the Chief Secretary to give the House some indication of what he proposed to do in regard to the Fisheries Department. He spoke highly of Mr. Farnell's work in that connection, and he thought he was entitled to consideration.

The CHIEF SECRETARY said Mr. Farnell's claims would receive every consideration.

Mr. DONALDSON: Don't forget he was duly executed by the last Government.

Mr. FITZPATRICK said he did not agree with the action taken by the late Chief Secretary in this matter.

Mr. MACDONALD said country hospitals should be open to all qualified doctors. At present it seemed that the Government was subsidising public hospitals for the benefit of individual doctors in country districts. He commented on the fact that when the elections were coming on one of the hospitals in his district which had asked for a grant of £300 received £500.

Mr. PERRY hoped the Government would take steps to suppress disorder at election meetings. He thought the Chief Secretary was going too far in the matter of the Sunday opening of shops. Perhaps he would go a bit further, and open the public houses for two or three hours on Sundays.

The CHIEF SECRETARY: You need have no fear about that.

Mr. SCOBIE, referring to Mr. Macdonald's statement that a hospital that had asked for £300 got £500, said it was a remarkable fact that he had been fighting for years for proper treatment for the hospitals in his district. He gave an account of an interview he had had with the Inspector-General bearing on a communication he had received from a constituent, and he had been actually informed that the fact that he had gone to see the Inspector-General would be a black mark against the man on whose behalf he had gone there.

Mr. JAMES drew attention of the fact that certain money had been voted for the purpose of increasing the pay of asylum attendants. This money in some cases had not reached the attendants, some of whom were still receiving £19 or £20 less than the intended minimum.

Mr. CRAWFORD said he shared the opinion that hospitals should be taken over and managed by the State. The accommodation was inadequate, the working hours of nurses were too long, and the salaries were by no means uniform. It would, perhaps, be wiser if such services as the ferries and gas-lighting were not outlined and the profits be allocated to such institutions as hospitals.

Mr. ROBSON requested the Chief Secretary to take steps to increase the police force in the western suburbs. He suggested the establishment of a noxious trades area for the metropolis, and then asked for justice to be done to those persons who were called temporary hands in the various public departments.

Mr. THROWER said that the hospitals should be maintained by direct taxation within the areas served by them.

Mr. FELL said, speaking as hon. secretary of the Sydney Hospital, that the city hospitals were suffering under great financial strain. The Sydney Hospital this year would have a deficit of £5000, and last year it had a deficit of £3000. He trusted the Government would do something to relieve this strain. Apart from the financial aspect, however, the question of hospital reform was a very important one. He suggested that the Government should call a conference of representatives of all hospitals, and get an expression of opinion from them on the question of hospital taxation, and then let the city and country representatives confer separately, because the administration of the two was quite different. It was a mistake to allow the hospitals to drift, but at the present time the Sydney Hospital, the Royal Prince Alfred, and the Women's Hospital in Crown-street, were all drifting. So far as any question of sweating the employees was concerned, he threw the responsibility on the Government. As to the overworking of nurses, he would point out that in the Sydney Hospital the hours averaged 84 a day, after deducting holidays, and they were not badly paid. They could make the salaries higher, but if they did this all over the State it would cost them another £100,000.

The House was sitting when our report closed.

## MUNICIPAL RATING.

A public meeting was held last night at the North Sydney School of Arts of ratepayers who desire to see the municipal taxation levied on unimproved land values only. Mr. W. Young presided. It was unanimously resolved, —"That those present, with power to add to their number, form themselves into a committee for the purpose of interviewing intending candidates and securing a definite expression of opinion on the question of rating on unimproved land values, and pledge themselves to support only those in favour of the principle."

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## SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—Dec. 21.

Wakatipu, s, 1945 tons, Captain Graham, from Newcastle. Union S.S. Co., Ltd., agents.

Tarcoola, s, 2646 tons, Captain Leiper, from Newcastle. G. S. Yuill and Co., Ltd., agents.

Innamincka, s, 2501 tons, Captain MacKenzie, from Queensland. Passengers, 180. G. S. Yuill and Co., Ltd., agents.

Kyarra, s, 6293 tons, Captain Watt, from Melbourne. Passengers, 336. Burns, Philp, and Co., Ltd., agents.

Hobart, s, 2463 tons, Captain W. Millar, from Western Australian ports, via Melbourne and Adelaide. Melbourne Steamship Company, Ltd., agents.

Maroro, scow, 200 tons, Captain Anderson, from Nydia Bay, New Zealand. R. S. Lamb and Co., agents.

COASTWISE:—Archer, s, from Newcastle; City of Grafton, s, from Richmond River; Namoi, s, from Newcastle; Our Jack, s, from Camden Haven; Friendship, s, from the Tweed; Electra, s, from the Manning River.

DEPARTURES.—Dec. 21.

Muniara, s, for the Gilbert and Marshall Islands.

Empire, s, for Manila, China, and Japan, via Queensland ports.

Dorset, s, for London, Liverpool, and Avonmouth.

Burrah, s, for Rockhampton, via ports.

Suva, s, for Fiji.

Victoria, s, for Auckland and other New Zealand ports.

Wakatipu, s, for Launceston, via Eden.

Wyralla, s, for Hobart.

Pleione, Norw. bq, for Newcastle.

Tarcoola, s, for Port Pirie.

Petrie, s, for Melbourne.

Orissa, s, for Bombay and Calcutta, via Newcastle and Gladstone.

CLEARANCES.—Dec. 21.

Victoria, s, 2889 tons, Captain G. Entwisle, for Auckland and other New Zealand ports. Passengers: Messrs. Greenwood, T. D. Walker, C. E. Lewis, A. Watney, H. Ley, A. L. Campbell, R. H. Rice, T. G. Dewar, R. Nixon, C. Rayner, R. S. Moss, Johnson, Beattie, W. H. Davis, R. Nicholson, M. Barry, Fordham, A. H. Tucker, P. J. Murphy, H. Beasch, F. A. Eastway, Douglas, Harper, Morrison, W. M'Mahon, V. de Paris, A. S. Napper, J. A. M. M'Kwan, Rev. R. J. Murphy, Rev. J. L. Foster, Mr. C. Firth, A. Pell, Horne, G. A. Robinson, D. Smith, F. T. Taylor, Ratcliff, Masters Ratcliff (2), Mr. H. G. Watson, M. Hely, H. Taut, Armstrong, Master Armstrong, Garry, Cameron, Douglas, and Bell, Mesdames Hely and 3 children, Mrs. Jury, Beattie, Mrs. Taut and 3 children, Armstrong and child; Mrs. Douglas, Cameron, Winter, Garry, Eastway, Douglas, Mrs. Harper and child, Davis, Morrison, Collins, Singer, Tobin, Greenwood, Connolly, Hay, Misses F. Allen, Plummer, Fraser, Hemus, Parker, Fardell, Martin, Singer, Tobin, Conolly, Harwood, Wright, Skerlock, Dennis, Upward, Schneider, Smith, M. Taylor, and Lord.

Muniara, s, 587 tons, Captain Sable, for Gilbert and Marshall Islands.

# MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

## STOCKS AND SHARES.

A large volume of business was carried through on 'Change yesterday at full rates. Australian Bank of Commerce shares rose 7/6; Queensland National shares /6. Union Bank eased 2/6, Adelaide Steam rose /6, Colonial Sugar 5/, Henry Jones Co-operative eased /1½, Australian Bank of Commerce shares, 14/3; Insurance of Australia, 5/3; Colonial Sugar Refining, £44/17/6; Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., 39/9; East Greta Coal, 32/6; Sanders, Sutton, and Whitehead, six weeks, 16/; Metropolitan Coal second pref., 11/3; E.S. and A. Bank Deferred Deposits, 18/9; Union Bank, £6; Port Jackson Steam, 58/. Afternoon: Teeth and Co., 48/6; Fresh Food and Ice, 17/41; East Greta Coal, 32/6. Later: Colonial Sugar, £42; English, Scottish, and Australian Bank, pref., irredeemed, 13/; Queensland National Bank shares, 3/; net; English, Scottish, and Australian Bank, deferred, 18/6, ex interest; ditto, debentures, 18/, ex interest.

Closing quotations were:—

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# SPORTING.

## THE TURF.

The liberally-endowed programme framed by the Victoria Park Racing Club for its meeting on the 27th inst demands attention to-day, for at 5 p.m. nominations close with the secretary, Mr. H. Cobcroft. The prize-money totals £500, of which £200 goes to a divided handicap—the Victoria Park Plate and Purse; £100 to the 14.2 Handicap, and £70 to the Victoria Park Hurdle Race.

War Star, Grist, Golden Slipper, and Hymneal out of the Villiers Stakes; Grist, Golden Slipper, and King Bee, out of the Summer Cup; and Mopie, out of the December Stakes, were the withdrawals notified yesterday in connection with the midsummer meeting of the Australian Jockey Club.

Horses holding engagements in the principal events of Tattersall's Club Annual Race Meeting—the Carrington Stakes and Tattersall's Cup—can be relieved of further liability by withdrawing them before 4 p.m. to-day, when final forfeit falls due.

The scratchings recorded yesterday in connection with Tattersall's Club annual race meeting were Hardstaff, Yellow Flag, Gigandra, and Miss Luna from the Carrington Stakes, and War Star from Tattersall's Cup.

Final forfeits for the A.J.C. Villiers' Stakes and Summer Cup fall due at 4 p.m. today, and all horses left in after that hour incur the liability for the full stake.

Nominations for the five events on the card for the Newcastle Jockey Club New Year's Meeting on the 2nd prox. must be lodged with the secretary, Mr. J. Grisdale, to-day. The prize money aggregates £350, of which £100 goes to the principal event, the Holiday Handicap, run over a mile and a quarter and 100 yards.

Mr. J. Underhill, secretary, Associated Racing Clubs, will, up to 5 p.m. to-day, receive entries for the pony and galloway race meeting to be held at Kensington on the 28th inst. The prize-money amounts to £400, of which £100 goes to the Summer Handicap, and £60 to the Fourteen-two Handicap.

The filly by Sunrise from Peeress, purchased at the recent sale of the Silver Pines stud, at Wagga, by Mr. A. Ashcroft, has been taken in hand by the local trainer, W. Earle.

At noon to-day, Messrs. William Inglis and Son will offer for public sale at their bazaar, Pitt-street, the thoroughbred gelding (about 14 hands) by Gameboy from Margina, and the trotting colt Lonsa, by Huon, Jun., from I.O., while at the same hour, to-morrow, they will submit the privileges of charging at the outer gates Randwick, during the currency of Tattersall's Club annual race meeting.

Mr. H. Wallachutzky, a well-known resident of Broken Hill, and the owner of several racehorses, died in Adelaide yesterday.

### VICTORIAN SPORTING NOTES.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Sequarious was scratched to-day for the Standish Handicap.

### VICTORIA PARK RACING CLUB.

The Victoria Park Racing Club yesterday provided the pony and galloway sport, and the fixture attracted a large attendance. The usual seven events were run off to the accompaniment of brisk speculation. A field of nine contested the Hurdle Race over a mile and a half. Carlyle and A.E. fell, and though Foy, who had the mount on Carlyle, escaped injury, Smith, the rider of J.S., sustained slight concussion of the brain. The Victoria Park Handicap was won by Adore. Details:—

Flying Handicap of 40 sovs, second 5 and third 2 sovs from the prize, 5f.—Rose Ivy, by Golden Ivy (imp.)—Carnation, 4yrs, 7st 9lb (H. Miller), 1; Ascot, 8st 4lb (Russell), 2; Lord Lyon, 7st 10lb, inc. 5lb over (Stanley), 3. Other starters: Ray Donald, 8st 12lb; Ruffun, 8st 7lb; Fitz Mary, 9st 4lb; Barneyonte, 8st 13lb; Linaria, 8st 5lb; St. Flora, 7st 9lb; Lady Turspian, 7st 9lb; He There, 7st 9lb; Tally Ho, 7st 7lb; Themelda, 7st 5lb; Easter Time, 7st 5lb. Betting: 2 to 1 v Ray Donald, 5 to 2 v Rose Ivy, 4 to 1 v Ascot, 8 to 1 v Linaria, 10 to 25 to 1 v others. Won by a head. Time, 1m 4⅘s.

Fourteen Hands Handicap of 40 sovs, second 5 and third 2 sovs from the prize, 4f.—Little George, by Mosilla—Dolly, 5yrs, 8st 11lb (Thompson), 1; Asphodel, 7st 7lb (Suttle), 2; Rose K., 10st (Naulty), 3. Other starters: True Love, 10st; Bruce, 10st; Lady Triem, 9st 12lb; Red Gypsy, 8st 5lb; Value, 8st, Tryhorst, 8st 3lb, inc. 5lb over Rose Petal, 7st 10lb; Adnama, 7st 10lb; Taman, 7st 7lb; Whist, 7st 7lb. Betting: 6 to 4 v Bruce, 5 to 2 v Little George 7 to 1 v Rose K., 8 to 1 v Adnama, 10 to 20 to 1 v others. Won by a length. Time, 52⅘s.

Victoria Park Hurdle Race of 75 sovs, second 10 and third 5 sovs from the prize, 1¼m.—Director, by Medji—Alicia, 4yrs, 9st 11lb (Bindon), 1; Alberto, 10st 5lb (Watterson), 2; Lord Beauchamp, 9st (Hayes), 3. Other starters: Carlyle, 11st 3lb; Frenchy, 10st 7lb; Iliriot, 9st 5lb; Playtyle, 8st 12lb; Rillette, 8st 12lb, inc. 5lb over; A.S., 8st 7lb. Betting: 2 to 1 v Frenchy, 5 to 2 v Director, 3 to 1 v Lord Beauchamp, 7 to 1 v Carlyle, 8 to 1 v Alberto, 10 to 15 to 1 v others. Won by four lengths. Time, 2m 54⅘s. Carlyle and A.E. fell.

Maiden Handicap of 40 sovs, second 5 and third 2 sovs from the prize, 4½f.—Borenore, by Ordi (imp.)—Betsy, 6yrs, 9st 3lb (Moulden), 1; Limmat, 8st (Bindon), 2; Addie Merv, 8st (Dove), 3. Other starters: Harvie Prime, 8st 10lb; Maivena, 8st 9lb; Topsy Turvy, 8st 9lb; Alexander Maid, 8st 7lb; Belle, 8st 7lb; Orlandy, 8st 5lb; A. F., 8st 5lb; Lowry, 8st 5lb; Adelaide, 8st 3lb; Ragtime, 8st 3lb; Kotire Mahi, 8st 2lb; Doctor, 8st; N'Geruite, 8st; Lady Cross, 8st; Alice, 8st; Millar, 8st. Betting: 5 to 4 v Borenore, 5 to 1 v Ragtime, 8 to 1 v Alexander Maid, 10 to 50 to 1 v others. Won by a length. Time, 56⅘s.

Fourteen-one Handicap of 40 sovs, second 5 and third 2 sovs from the prize, 4½f.—Sygnet, by Will o' the Wisp—Black Swan, aged, 8st 5lb (Patterson), 1; Golden Mite, 8st 5lb (Kuhn), 2; Lady Aloma, 7st 10lb (Barnett), 3. Other starters: Shellfire, 9st 12lb; Speedy Meg, 8st 9lb; Alarm, 8st 2lb; Easy Molly, 8st; Sea Pet, 8st; Mauve, 7st 12½lb, inc. 5lb over; Pretty Polly, 7st 9lb; Little Cliff, 7st 5lb; Barneyette, 7st 5lb. Betting: 5 to 2 v Speedy Meg, 7 to 2 v Shellfire, 4 v Easy Molly and Lady Aloma, 5 to 1 v Golden Mite, 10 to 25 to 1 v others. Won by a length and a half. Time, 58⅘s.

Victoria Park Handicap of 75 sovs, second 10 and third 5 sovs from the prize, 6f.—Adore, by Haut Brion (imp.)—Adoration, 6yrs, 8st 11lb (Moy), 1. Carnation, 8st (Bindon), 2; Pay Donald, 9st 11lb (Stanley), 3. Other starters: Arillan, 9st 10lb; Quarrel, 9st 10lb; Lord Lyon, 7st 10lb, inc. 5lb over; Passion, 7st 5lb. Betting: 2 to 1 v Adore, 3 to 1 v Arillan, 4 to 1 v Lord Lyon, 5 to 1 v Ray Donald and Carnation, 12 to 1 v others. Won by a head. Time, 1m 15⅘s.

Fourteen-two Handicap of 40 sovs, second 5 and third 2 sovs from the prize, 5f.—Silver Rose, by Silver Bill—Rosary maid, aged, 8st 5lb (Moulden), 1; Lady Wilma, 8st 3lb (Connell), 2; Ophir, 8st 10lb (Harris), 3. Other starters: Miss Mayfield, 9st 3lb; Mabel B., 8st 12lb; Highland Lassie, 8st 5lb; Mabel D., 8st 5lb; Rosalie, 8st 5lb; Nimble, 8st 5lb; Harbour, 8st; Bobbie, 7st 10½lb; Puss, 7st 10½lb; Lella, 7st 7lb; Botheration, 7st 5lb. Betting: Even money on Highland Lassie, 3 to 1 v Mabel D., 5 to 1 v Lady Wilma, 7 to 1 v Ophir and Silver Rose, 10 to 20 to 1 v others. Won by three lengths. Time, 1m 4⅘s.

### NEW SOUTH WALES TROTTING CLUB.

The following are the handicaps for the meeting which takes place on the 29th instant:—

Trial Handicap, 1m.—Pilfering, 5yrs, 5st 4lb (Peerless, jr.); Woodrose, 5st 4lb (Bindon); Friendless Boy, 5s 8bd; 4Plain Bill, 3s bhd; 2Richard K., 3s bhd; 1Dearest, 3s bhd; Maisie Mack, 4s bhd; Miss Britannic, 4s bhd; 3Wadi Wadi, 4s bhd; Major Hunt, 5s bhd; Lady Gwyhee, 6s bhd; Bright Cloud, 7s bhd; Schnell Vogel, 7s bhd; Red Tape (late Playfair), 7s bhd; Cashedo, 8s bhd; Cameo, 8s bhd; Ribbonvale, 8s bhd.

Flying Handicap, 1m.—Reley, scr; Johnson J., scr; Chesterwood, 1s bhd; Red Cloud, 1s bhd; The Nut, 1s bhd; Merry Boy, 2s bhd; Coonie, 4s bhd; Mellow Bath, 5s bhd; Valour, 8s bhd.

Trotting Club Handicap, 1m.—James D., scr; Herbie, 3s bhd; 3Robin, 3s bhd; 1Brooklyn, 4s bhd; Georgie, 4s bhd; The Queen, 10s bhd.

Tramway Handicap, 1m or 1m 1f (Cup), scr; Midas' Mark, 3s bhd; Woodrose, 4s bhd; Gleaner, 4s bhd; Sweet Elene, 5s bhd; 2Brooklyn, 2s bhd; Whistle, 4s bhd; 4Jim Mac, 5s bhd; May Queen, 6s bhd; Dictorine, 6s bhd; 4Ben Peck, 8s bhd; Lady Burlington, 8s bhd; Reley, 10s bhd.

Epping Handicap, 1m.—The Queen, scr; 1G.A.R., scr; Birchwood Maid, 1s bhd; Chesterwood, 4s bhd; Coonie, 10s bhd; Merry Boy, 10s bhd; Valour, 14s bhd.

4 Amateurs allowed 5s.

5 Unbeaten concession.

1 Allowed 4s.

### BLANDFORD JOCKEY CLUB.

WEST MAITLAND, Wednesday.

The following are the weights for the Blandford Jockey Club's races on Boxing Day:—

Opening Handicap, 1m.—Simagree, 10st 7lb; Carrig, 9st 10lb; Loch Finn, 9st; Apernina, 9st 4lb; Adam's Ale, 8st 4lb; Good Girl, 8st 3lb; Omadsfe, 7st 9lb; Miss Beulah, 7st 9lb; Ennistock, 7st 9lb; Patravada, 7st 8lb; Bandolier, 7st 7lb.

Nundle Handicap, 1m.—Simagree, 10st 2lb; Carrig, 9st 10lb; Loch Finn, 9st 9lb; Apernina, 9st 12lb; Adam's Ale, 7st 13lb; Good Girl, 7st 12lb; Zoat, 7st 9lb; Patravada, 7st 4lb.

### NUNDLE JOCKEY CLUB.

WEST MAITLAND, Wednesday.

The following are the weights for the Nundle Jockey Club's races on Boxing Day:—

Opening Handicap, 1m.—Simagree, 10st 7lb; Carrig, 10st 1lb; Loch Finn, 10st; Apernina, 9st 4lb; Adam's Ale, 8st 4lb; Good Girl, 8st 3lb; Omadsfe, 7st 9lb; Miss Beulah, 7st 9lb; Ennistock, 7st 9lb; Patravada, 7st 8lb; Bandolier, 7st 7lb.

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### PORT ADELAIDE RACING CLUB.

ADELAIDE (S.A.), Wednesday.

The final acceptances for the Port Adelaide Cup and the Christmas Handicap fell due to-day. The withdrawals from the former race were Sergius, Calamus, Lady Bernice, Ilkara, and Camava; while Lady Bonadil, Repara, Pharmio, and Camava dropped out of the Cup.

## CRICKET.

### INTERSTATE TOBACCO MATCH.

The third annual cricket match between the Victorian and New South Wales tobacco companies will be played on the oval on December 27 and 28. The New South Wales team is as follows:—G. W. Haughton (captain), E. E. Bennett, H. R. Boon, A. E. Carroll, M. Emery, D. V. Gillies, M. Jarvie, J. H. Mackinlay, R. Small, F. R. Smith, R. Wadley; emergencies: P. G. Hood and F. W. Warren. The Victorian team will be selected from the following:—Adams, Anderson, Alston, Chamberlin, Belderman, Burke, Bourke, Costello, Cumberland, Gibson, Hammond, Lawry (captain), McKay, Smith, Trickett, and Trott.

### NORTHERN SUBURBS CRICKET ASSOCIATION.

MARTIN SHIELD COMPETITION.

The following players have been selected to represent the above association against Centennial Park at the Sports Ground on Boxing Day:—L. Quinn, A. Donnelly, B. Wheatley (Westleigh), S. Greenwood, L. Lee (Methodist), R. Riley, G. R. Fraser (Kirribilli), J. Truman (Chatswille), J. Dent (C.S. Brotherhood), R. Reed (N.S. Boys' Institute), A. B. Best (Burra Bra), E. Tremain (12), A. Towend (12). Any player unavailable must communicate with the hon. secretary at once.

### INTERSTATE DRUIDS' MATCHES.

The New South Wales Druids' Cricket Association will despatch the following team to Melbourne on Friday next to play Victoria and South Australia for the Druids' Interstate Shield (held by Victoria), under the management of W. J. Askins:—W. Cardwell, F. Moecker, F. Fry, H. Robinson, C. B. Alexander, C. Walker, J. P. Jones, C. J. McCarthy, A. E. Bradly, M. Harris, H. Neve, H. Jackson, C. Levison, G. Willson.

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## BOWLS.

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## LAWN TENNIS.

### SYDNEY L. T. CLUB.

A doubles handicap tournament, on the American system, is to be held by the Sydney Club next Monday.

## ATHLETICS.

### HIGHLAND GATHERING.

HANDICAPS FOR THE SPORTS.

The following handicaps have been declared for members of the New South Wales A.A.A. events on New Year's Day:—120yds. Handicap.—First heat: J. Burton, scr; G. P. Parke, 5yds; L. Williams, 6; D. F. Burrell, 7; W. H. Thomas, 7½; J. M. Lynch, 10½. Second heat: P. T. Redmond, 3yds; M. H. Moyes, 5; G. Leplastrier, 5½; A. J. M'Garry, 6½; M. Ellery, 7; G. Collett, 8. Third heat: W. Byall, 3yds; F. C. Madely, 5½; L. G. Langley, 6½; T. J. Roche, 7; C. Anderson, 8. Fourth heat: E. A. Souther, Blyde; G. Tanney, 7; C. Madely, 6½; N. S. Mills, 7½; G. H. Matthews, 9. Fifth heat: H. J. Mills, 3yds; H. Trivillian, 6; L. M'Larty, 6½; J. C. Sloman, 7½; A. Hebblewhite, 9; F. C. Murry, 10. Sixth heat: A. H. Bray, 4yds; C. V. Moore, 5; H. Thompson, 6; D. Quinlan, 7½; N. L. M'Kinnon, 8.

440yds Obstacle Race.—A. R. Bray, H. J. Mills, scr; D. F. Burrell, H. Reid, H. Trivillian, 5yds; J. J. M'Cabe, J. E. Duglish, G. Campbell, J. H. Stevens, H. G. Snook, S. Gibson, W. Lithgow, F. Marter, W. Fforkins, 10yds; H. Reid, H. Holland, Real Rae, C. T. Ferguson, 15; G. C. Banks, E. Foran, 20.

### BOTANY HARRIERS.

The Botany Harriers will hold the following events at Booralee Park, Botany, on Saturday:—100 Yards Handicap, 880 Yards Handicap, Putting Shot, Hop, Step, and Jump.

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### THE OVERLAND CYCLIST.

OVER 17,000 MILES ON ONE BICYCLE.

Francis Birtles has finished his self-imposed task of creating new figures for the Perth to Sydney cycle record. When pacing through Melbourne last week he stated that the present trip across from west to east was accomplished under conditions more favourable than in any of his three previous trips. The weather, for one thing, was more favourable, whilst by keeping further north he missed a lot of the heavy sandy country that lies along the usual telegraph line route. Up to his arrival in Melbourne he had covered 2774 miles in 31 days 19 hours—a splendid performance. Upon the completion of his trip he will have ridden between 16,000 and 60,000 miles during the last two years, over the wildest and roughest parts of the Australian continent—easily a record for transcontinental cycling. With all his hardships and continual riding, Birtles, who, by the way, has only attained the age of 21 years of age, keeps in splendid fettle, and manages to maintain an even weight of about 11st. On his trips Birtles allows himself about a pound of food, and about half the same weight of water for every 10 miles of rough bush to be negotiated and his Dunlop shod machine stood the test well.

### UNION NOTES.

The Centennial Club's postponed 30 miles road race will be run on January 14, 1911, and the 20 miles championship on the 21st, Homebush course.

### LEAGUE NOTES.

Under the auspices of the Manly Benevolent Society a cycling carnival was held on the oval at Manly last night.

Members of the Manly, Eastern Suburbs, and Willoughby clubs competed. The results were:—Judges: Messrs. Alcorn, Ferguson J. Dickinson; starter, Mr. N. Brown; handicapper H. Ferguson; secretary, Mr. Les. Luker.

Results:—

One Mile Race.—First heat: Les. Luker, scr, 1; A. M'Lennan, 2yds, 2. Won by 10yds. Second heat: W. K. Davis, 20yds, 1; Les. Luker, 20yds, and A. Sowell, 20yds, 2. Won by a dead heat. Third heat: R. Worbey, 5yds, 1; A. Pearce, 10yds, 2; A. Gullick, 30yds, 3. Won by 3yds. Final: A. Sowell, 1; Les. Luker, 2; Pearce, 3. Won by 2yds.

Schoolboys' Handicap, under 16 years.—Reg Luker, 1; J. Bonzer, 2; Pattison, 3.

Willoughby Greeting Handicap, 1m, (first and second to start in final).—F. Bryan, 100yds, 1; S. Floyd, 130yds, 2; H. Howard, 130yds, 3. Five started. Won by 5yds. Second heat: T. Bate, 40yds, 1; H. Schofield, 80yds, 2; A. Lawry, 90yds, 3. Won by a field, 80yds. Final: H. Schofield, 1; S. Floyd, 2; H. Howard, 3; T. Bate, 4.

Eastern Suburbs' Handicap, 1m (first and second to start in final).—First heat: J. W. Wilson, 220yds (scr.); L. Luker, 140yds, 2; F. B. Thompson, 40yds, 3. Won easily. Second heat: G. Crowther, 220yds, 1; R. J. Short, 90yds, 2; B. Clifton, 3. Five started. Won by 20yds. Final: J. W. Wilson, 220yds, 1; Crowther, 2; Clafton, 3.

Novelty Race.—M'Naught, 1; Short, 2; Len. Luker, 3.

## ST. PHILIP'S CENTENARY.

### COMMEMORATIVE SOCIAL.

A social evening to commemorate the centenary of St. Philip's Church was held at the Y.M.C.A. Hall last night. The Bishop of Bendigo (Dr. Langley) occupied the chair, and there were about 200 parishioners present. Amongst those on the platform were Archbishop Wright, Archdeacons Boyce and D'Arcy Thomas, Canons Bellingham and Jones, Rev. A. H. Austin, chairman of the Congregational Union, and Dr. Houison. An entertaining programme of music was provided, and during an interval refreshments were partaken of by those present.

Dr. Langley briefly referred to the long and satisfactory history of the church, which he described as the mother church of Australia. He looked back with pleasure to the years when he occupied the position of rector to the parish, for he realised that he was only giving the cinders of his life to Bendigo.

Archbishop Wright urged the parishioners of St. Philip's to appreciate their great responsibility. They had the privilege of a great past and the future was in their keeping.

## TRAM CONDUCTOR INJURED.

Percy Dent, 22, a tram conductor, living in 2 Wallace-street, Woollahra, was riding on the footboard of a tram bound to Balmain last night when he was knocked on to the roadway by a passenger standing on the footboard of a tram going to the Quay. He was taken to the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital by the Civil Ambulance Brigade, and found to have sustained a compound fracture of the left leg, a fractured left kneecap, injuries to the head and face, and shock. His condition is serious.

## NEW RAILWAYS.

### GOVERNMENT PROGRAMME.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES.

In connection with the proposed references to the Public Works Committee, the Minister for Public Works (Mr. Arthur Griffith)) emphasises what he stated in the House when giving notice of the various motions, namely, that in all instances alternative routes which have been suggested would be investigated by the committee. In furtherance of that statement, Mr. Griffith points out that those noted by the department in the undermentioned cases are as follow:—

Barellan towards Hillston.—The alternative routes from Wyalong, via Rankin Springs to Hillston, and from Wyalong, via Cudgellico, to Hillston.

Wagga Wagga to Tumbarumba.—In this case Mount Horeb, via Adelong and Batlow to Tumbarumba, and Reka, via Adelong and Batlow to Tumbarumba, will be investigated.

Tullamore to Tottenham.—The question of construction to what is known as the 18-mile point, and from there on to Tottenham, will be considered, as well as the direct route.

Bowning to Burrowa.—The other routes to be considered are via Goondah, Binalong, and Galong.

Perthville to Burraga.—Proposals for connection from Tarana, via Oberon, and on a through line from Blayney to Blacktown, via Yerranderie and Mount Werong, will be gone into.

Dunedoo to Coonabarabran.—The whole proposal to open up the Pilliga Scrub by further extension to Baradine and on to West Narrabri, and for a line direct from West Narrabri to Coonamble, will be put before the committee on this reference.

Petersham to Balmain Tramway.—The various routes after leaving the existing Leichhardt tramway to reach Balmain-road will be investigated.

## SUCCESSFUL RACING CLUB.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

The annual report of the Onkaparinga Racing Club contains some remarkable figures. Racing on only one day a year (Easter Monday), the club has during the last 22 years distributed £36,795, of which sum owners have received £26,270 in stakes. On buildings and improvements to the course £14,131 has been expended; in subscriptions and donations to charities, £2227; salaries, printing, advertising, totalisator, and racecourse staff, and other incidental expenses, £26,045; and, finally, during the last eight years the Government has received £4121 from the club for the totalisator stamp tax. The totalisator investments since 1891 to date—20 years—have been £381,525. These figures are unequalled by any other country racing club in the southern hemisphere.

## FIRE AT KEMPSEY.

### OUTBREAK IN A BOARDING-HOUSE

KEMPSEY, Wednesday.

A fire occurred between 2 and 3 a.m. on Tuesday at Mr. A. W. Laney's boarding-house, which contains 14 rooms. The fire started in an unoccupied bedroom over the kitchen, the flames coming through the roof of the back room before an alarm was raised. The house is divided into two parts, and on one side, where the fire broke out, two married couples and four children were sleeping. They were roused by neighbours, and managed to get out without injury. The fire brigade was soon on the spot, and managed to confine the conflagration to that portion of the house where the fire broke out, and made a remarkably good save. Four rooms were completely gutted, and other rooms damaged by fire and water. The buildings and effects were insured in the Queensland Insurance Company for £450.

## ARRESTED AT POINT OF REVOLVER.

Constables Sherringham and M'Neill, of Newtown police station, arrested two young men at the point of their revolvers at Sargent's pastry shop, King-street, Newtown, early yesterday morning.

While on their beat in a lane at the rear of the premises the constables noticed that a glass on the back door had been broken. They climbed the fence, and on stealthily entering the shop discovered two men apparently in the act of ransacking a drawer beneath the counter. The men made a bolt for the front door. Sherringham drew his revolver and commanded them to stop. This they did, and the constables took them to the Newtown police station. On being searched a false moustache was found in the pockets of one of the men.

It seemed that an entrance had been gained to the premises by smashing the glass panel of the back door and then turning the key. The cash and stock were intact.

## WINDOW DRESSING.

The art of window-dressing, during recent years received a distinct impetus, and it is pleasing to know that, as a result of world-wide competitions, it has been proved that Australian enjoy, and Sydney in particular occupies a foremost place in the great centres of England, America, and the continent. Following successes in past years, Mr. W. H. Richardson, of Sydney, has this year been awarded four important prizes. Championship gold medal of Australia (Australasian Draper competition), open to mediævists only throughout Australasia, displaying against the world "experts" of England; open to the world; the "Draper," of England), open to the world; and the first prize, gold medal (for special exhibit by the "Mediævist Record and Show Window"), open to the world. Over 200 of the leading American and European decorators competed in the last-named competition. Mr. W. H. Richardson is connected with the firm of Mrs. M'Cathie, Limited.

## THE TREATMENT OF THE ABORIGINES.

### TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I read with very great interest Archdeacon Lefroy's letter on the above subject, which appears in your issue of to-day, and trust that the outcome will be some systematic and well organised scheme of co-operation between the churches and the Commonwealth for the amelioration of the lives of this, from many points, interesting people. The thanks of the whole Church of Christ in Australia are also the thanks of Australians generally are due to the Anglican Archbishops and Bishops for their strong advocacy of the righteous claims upon us of these outcasts at home, and I feel sure that any proposed united action on the part of the churches having for its object the care of these wards of the Church would be with the wishes of the conference. The other clubs are now expressing disappointment at finding that Bathurst objects to several of the points agreed upon. Bathurst wants all bowls used in the competition to be stamped by the association, but other Western clubs entertain doubts about the association's test. Orange bowls have been rejected, while other are notoriously wide, have been rejected, while other bowls known to be narrow passed the test. Another rock upon which differences arise is a suggestion that matches played at Bathurst should commence at 1.30, so as to allow visiting bowlers catching the passenger train without having to wait till 3.30 a.m. for the mail. The Dubbo Club is particularly affected by both these points, and is asking the association to confirm the resolutions of the conference. Dubbo's proposal to send a team to Sydney and Newcastle at the end of January is maturing, and is now assured.

## LAWN TENNIS.

### SYDNEY L. T. CLUB.

A doubles handicap tournament, on the American system, is to be held by the Sydney Club next Monday.

## ATHLETICS.

### HIGHLAND GATHERING.

HANDICAPS FOR THE SPORTS.

The following handicaps have been declared for members of the New South Wales A.A.A. events on New Year's Day:—120yds. Handicap.—First heat: J. Burton, scr; G. P. Parke, 5yds; L. Williams, 6; D. F. Burrell, 7; W. H. Thomas, 7½; J. M. Lynch, 10½. Second heat: P. T. Redmond, 3yds; M. H. Moyes, 5; G. Leplastrier, 5½; A. J. M'Garry, 6½; M. Ellery, 7; G. Collett, 8. Third heat: W. Byall, 3yds; F. C. Madely, 5½; L. G. Langley, 6½; T. J. Roche, 7; C. Anderson, 8. Fourth heat: E. A. Souther, Blyde; G. Tanney, 7; C. Madely, 6½; N. S. Mills, 7½; G. H. Matthews, 9. Fifth heat: H. J. Mills, 3yds; H. Trivillian, 6; L. M'Larty, 6½; J. C. Sloman, 7½; A. Hebblewhite, 9; F. C. Murry, 10. Sixth heat: A. H. Bray, 4yds; C. V. Moore, 5; H. Thompson, 6; D. Quinlan, 7½; N. L. M'Kinnon, 8.

440yds Obstacle Race.—A. R. Bray, H. J. Mills, scr; D. F. Burrell, H. Reid, H. Trivillian, 5yds; J. J. M'Cabe, J. E. Duglish, G. Campbell, J. H. Stevens, H. G. Snook, S. Gibson, W. Lithgow, F. Marter, W. Fforkins, 10yds; H. Reid, H. Holland, Real Rae, C. T. Ferguson, 15; G. C. Banks, E. Foran, 20.

### BOTANY HARRIERS.

The Botany Harriers will hold the following events at Booralee Park, Botany, on Saturday:—100 Yards Handicap, 880 Yards Handicap, Putting Shot, Hop, Step, and Jump.

## CYCLING AND MOTORING.

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## GOVERNMENT NOTICES.

Commonwealth of Australia,
Department of Home Affairs,
Melbourne, 9th December, 1910.

TENDERS FOR SALE OF SITE FOR POST-OFFICE AT WATERLOO, N.S.W.

TENDERS will be received until noon on Monday, 9th January, 1911, from persons willing to sell to the Commonwealth Government Land at WATERLOO, suitable for a site for Post-office. The area required is approximately 90 feet frontage by a depth of about 120 feet.

Tenders to be endorsed as above, and addressed (if by post, prepaid) to the Works Director for New South Wales, Commonwealth Offices, Sydney.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

DAVID MILLER,
Secretary Department of Home Affairs.

## TENDERS.

COPPER MINE FOR SALE.

THE TRUSTEES for the Debenture Holders of the MORLAND COPPER COMPANY, Limited, offer for sale, by Tender, the COPPER MINE situate at WAI-HEKE Island, 20 miles from NELSON, comprising FREE-HOLD LAND, MINING RIGHTS, over Crown Land, MINING BUILDINGS, TRAMWAYS, BRIDGES, MINING PLANT, and MACHINERY, TOOLS, STOCK, and MINING APPLIANCES.

THE PROPERTY is rich in copper, and if properly developed ought to give great results.

FULL PARTICULARS of the property, and also of the Conditions of Tender, can be obtained from the undersigned.

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ALL TENDERS must be addressed to "The Trustees, Morland Debenture Co., DOUGALL and UPHAM, Solicitors, Christchurch."

MAURICE FITZGERALD,
Hereford-street, Christchurch.
DOUGALL and UPHAM,
Solicitors,
Worcester-street, Christchurch,
New Zealand.

TO THE ASSIGNEE ESTATE OF JOSEPH STEPHEN BREWER.

General Draper, West Maitland, N.S.W.

TENDERS are invested for the undermoted Assets in the above Estate, and will be received at my office until noon on FRIDAY, the 23rd inst.:

STOCK-IN-TRADE AND PLANT.

Clothing and Mercery ..... £343 5 1
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Plant ..... 112 18 7

£1029 9 11

The stock has been carefully taken by my representative, Mr. Kline, who reports upon it as exceptionally well kept, quite clean, and well assorted.

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The premises are described as being modern, well planned, and commodious, with three large show windows. Altogether the business can be recommended.

The usual 5 per cent. conditions. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Stocksheets may be seen and all information obtained on the premises or at my office.

ALBERT BORCHARD,
Public Accountant,
Equitable-building, George-street.

Sydney, 20th December, 1910.

MUNICIPALITY OF NEWTOWN.

ANNUAL CONTRACTS.

TENDERS are invited, and will be received until 8 o'clock, p.m., on TUESDAY, 10th January, 1911, for the following Contracts:—THE ENMORE, O'CONNELL, and KINGSTON WARDS.

Specifications may be seen and all particulars obtained from the undersigned, at the Town Hall, during office hours.

Tenders, which must be accompanied by the required deposit in each case, to be addressed to the Town Clerk, and endorsed "Tender for ——."

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

A. MACKINTOSH,
Town Clerk.

Town Hall, Newtown,
21st December, 1910.

MUNICIPALITY OF MOSMAN.

TENDERS are invited and will be received until SATURDAY, the 10th January next, for the forming, guttering, and kerbing and guttering the following Cross-avenue, off Upper Spit-road. Specifications may be inspected, and all other information obtained on application to the undersigned, during office hours.

WILLIAM F. BRAY,
Town Clerk.

Town Hall Mosman,
December 20, 1910.

## HOUSES AND LAND FOR SALE.

KENSINGTON.

POSITION, STYLE, QUALITY.

Handsome Detached Brick COTTAGE (new), under title roof, 6 lofty rooms, kit., with every modern convenience, tiled verandah, ample ground for stabling. Adjacent to Park, Show and Cricket Grounds. Right Side from Anzac. Choice two years' tenancy. GRAND POSITION, EASTERLY ASPECT. £400 CASH, balance at 5 per cent. CHEAP. H. LUPTON and CO., 76 Pitt-street.

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Handsome New Double-fronted COTTAGE, brick, fully painted front, fancy ceilings, marble steps, gardens, etc., only £750, terms; another, £650.

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GILLIES and CO., 82 Pitt-street.

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## TENDERS.

MASONS.—Wanted, Price for Rubble Work, labour only. After 6, J. Rush, 11 Harrow-rd, Stanmore.

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PLASTERERS.—Tenders, new Villa, Arden-st, North Coogee; labour only.

THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF SYDNEY.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

The CITY COUNCIL has decided to prepare and publish a List of the names of APPROVED CONTRACTORS who are prepared to Tender to Contract with private persons and firms for the installation of the Electric Light and Power on private premises.

Names for insertion in the List must be received by the undersigned before the 24th December, 1910.

THOMAS H. SESBITT,
Town Clerk.

Town Hall, Sydney,
19th December, 1910.

TENDERS are invited for the PURCHASE of a 60-H.P. LOCO TYPE BOILER, with Spare Furnace Doors and 5 Spare Tubes. Inspection may be made at the Moss Vale Electric Lighting Works. Tenders to be accompanied by 10 per cent. cash deposit, must be in my hands by 5 p.m. on 28th instant.

ROBERT RICHARDSON, Town Clerk.

Moss Vale, Dec. 16th, 1910.

TO BUILDERS.—TENDERS are invited for the Erection and Completion of Surf-bathing Accommodation Buildings at Bondi Beach, for the Municipality of Waverley. Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the undersigned.

OAKLEY and MIDELTON, Architects,
113 Pitt-street, Sydney.

Telephone, 1038 City.

TENDERS for 60 Paling Fence. R. E. Barton, Cremorne, Charlecot-st, Bulwich Hill.

TENDERS, Plasterers, Price for Weatherboard, labour only. E. Thomas, Brown-st, Waverley.

TENDERS wanted for BAND, 20 Performers, for 6 days. Hartley, 708 George-st, Haymarket.

TENDERS wanted for large Public Fireworks Display, for 1st January. 70a George-st, Haymarket.

TENDERS, PLASTERING COTTAGE. Gladstone-st, Bexley. C. Paterson, Builder.

TENDERS, Grainers, Oak, small job, good price, 182 Campbell-st, Surry Hills.

TENDERS, also Joint Flooring, and Flooring, 6-r house. Apply next Picture Show, Mort-st, Balmain.

TENDERS wanted, Brickwork, labour only. East Crescent-st and Blue's Point-rd, Blue's Point.

TUCK-POINTERS. Price for 4 Shop Fronts, Avenue-rd, Randwick, close D.S. H. Bramley.

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DONAGHY.—The Friends of M. JAMES DONAGHY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly-loved SON, Edward J.; to move from their residence, 35 Emma-street, Leichhardt, THIS MORNING, at 9.30, for Central Station, thence by 10.55 a.m. train to C. of E. Cemetery, Campbelltown.
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MASON.—The Friends of Mr. GEORGE MASON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late BROTHER, Albert Mason, which will leave his late residence, 29 A'Beckett-street, Macdonaldtown, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the C. of E. Cemetery, Rookwood.

MASON.—The Friends of the late Mr. ALBERT MASON are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral; to leave the residence of his daughter, Mrs. H. D. Gray, 39 Pine-street, Newtown, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for the Necropolis, via Newtown Station.
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THE Friends of Mr. and Mrs. T. McKENNA, of Leichhardt, are requested to attend the Funeral of their beloved SISTER, Mrs. McClosky; to move from her residence, Adelaide-street, Woollahra, at half-past 2 on FRIDAY, 23rd December, for Waverley Cemetery.

O'SHANNESSY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM C. O'SHANNESSY and Mrs. EDITH SMITH are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved DAUGHTER and NIECE, Jessie Catherine; to leave 11 Wellesley-terrace, Elizabeth-street, Waterloo, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2.30, for Waverley Cemetery.
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RAPP.—The Friends of Mrs. MARY RAPP are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her beloved HUSBAND, Jacob; to leave his late residence, Commercial Exchange-buildings, Military-road, Mosman, THIS THURSDAY, at 2.30 p.m., for Gore Hill Cemetery.
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## LINEN SUITS, ETC.

COLOURED LINENE COAT AND SKIRT, ¾ length, semi-sac shape, new panel front, smartly braided; in Vieux Rose, Saxe, Helio., Green, Brown, Navy, and White, 12/11.
COLOURED CORDED LINENE COAT AND SKIRT, 26in., panel back and front, piped and trimmed black strapping, braid, and buttons, colours as above, 13/11.
SMART COSTUME, ¾ Length Coat, with long roll contrast collar, new panel back, neatly braided and trimmed buttons, Skirt well cut, in all colours. Linenes, 19/11, 27/6; Tussore Linen, 25/6
SMART COSTUMES, ¾ Length Coat, with long roll contrast collar, new panel back. Coat and Skirt smartly braided with wide military braid, in all colours. Linenes, 21/, 25/6; Tussore Linen, 25/6; Tussore Silk, natural shade, 45/.
ELEGANT COSTUME, ¾ Length Coat, with long roll collar, well braided, front panels and cuffs neatly braided, new panel back. Skirt well cut, in all colours. Linen, 23/6, 32/6; Tussore Linen, 29/6; Tussore Silk, natural shade, 49/6.
SPECIAL TUSSORE SILK COATS AND SKIRTS, smart new styles, contrast, and smartly braided, 21/, 27/6, 32/6, 29/6, 47/6, 52/6.

## ALL-OVER EMBROIDERY COATS.

SEMI-FITTING COAT, 28-inch, collarless, edged beading, back panel and cuffs TRIMMED THREE ROWS BEADING, 14/11; similar style, 33-inch, 17/6.
SEMI-FITTING COAT, 34-inch, Chester Collar, 16/11; similar style, pleated at hem, 19/11.
SEMI-FITTING COAT, 30-inch, edged muslin embroidery, side panel, pleated at hem, 18/6.

## SMART DUSTCOATS.

USEFUL DUSTCOAT, full length, very full Skirt, Chester Collar, in Sicilian, all colours, 14/6. In STRIPE SICILIAN, 16/11. In Tussore Silk, 21/, 27/6, 29/6.
STYLISH DUSTCOAT, full length, long roll collar of contrast, new panel back, in Sicilian, all colours, 19/6, 22/6. Tussore Silk, 27/6, 32/6, 37/6.

## BAGS FOR PRESENTS.

MOTOR BAGS, PEGGY BAGS, BUGLE BEADS.
SILK BAGS, BEADED BAGS, PETER PAN BAGS.
BLACK MOTOR BAGS, large sizes, 3/11, 4/11, 5/11, 7/6, to 42/.
PEGGY BAGS, in Black Kid, Seal, Morocco, and all colours, 